



Letter From Our President

Friends,

Being transformed through Bible study is at the heart of the Christian journey. For over 150 years, hundreds of thousands of people every Sunday in churches across the United States and beyond have used the *Adult Bible Studies (ABS)* family of resources to grow in knowledge, faith, and grace.

ABS materials open paths for study and conversation about Scripture as part of the vibrant work of making disciples of Jesus Christ through the ministries of The United Methodist Church. *ABS* studies invite readers to dive deeper and experience the wonder and wisdom of how God's Word gives meaning and purpose to daily life.

ABS resources help equip us to grow spiritually as we increase our understandings of Scripture, enrich our commitments to follow Jesus, and make room for the Spirit to mold and embolden us for sharing with others. Faithful Bible study prepares us for redemptive work as followers of Jesus.

It is evident that in our changing world, communities and churches require ever-new approaches in how we support and guide engaging Bible-study experiences. We've asked you to help us, and many have responded with information about what continues to work well and what could be improved to support your learning experiences.

There are several features that are new for *Adult Bible Studies* materials starting in Fall 2019. Here is what you'll find:

- More expansive ways to mine the depths and breadth of biblical messages.
- Greater attention to following and celebrating the seasons of the church year.
- Practical and engaging spiritual practices you can use to guide your daily walk with Christ.

We pray that you will be pleased with these enhancements. Our hope is that *ABS* materials will foster even more transformational Bible-study experiences that inspire and encourage you and others.

Please continue to share ideas with us, and tell us how these materials are received and useful in your Sunday school classes or small groups. We are grateful for the Christian journey we are walking together to study the Scriptures, so we may grow in knowledge of God through Jesus Christ—and grow in confidence as we offer that love to all and help transform the world.

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