



On Us Light Has Shined!

Greetings, friend!

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

Isaiah 9:2

Whether your spirit is buoyed as by the laughter of children or languishing in a place of grief or pain, in this season of waiting and hope let the message of the prophet, Isaiah, bring you comfort and peace.

YOU are a part of the BeADisciple family.

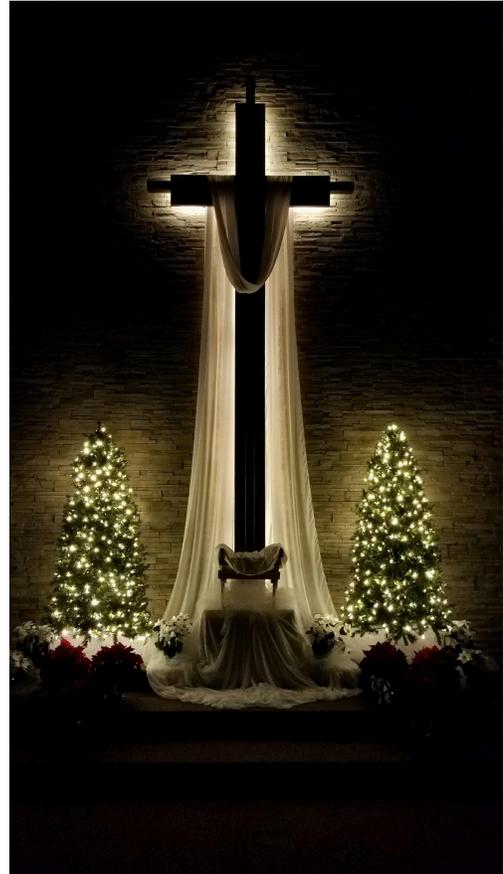
YOU are a beloved child of God

Thanks be to God for the gift of learning, of connection, and for the gift of Love made flesh, bringing hope and healing to a weary world.

Peace,

Lori Richey
Director of Online Education, Institute for Discipleship

P.S. The BeADisciple staff will be enjoying time off from December 23 to January 3. We look forward to connecting with you in the new year!



Certification Program Cycles Will Begin in January

The first courses in many of our ministry certification cycles will begin January 20, 2025--enroll now to gain tools to make a big impact in your ministry area and interact with other Christians from around the country who do the same kind of ministry you do!

- ***Christian Education***
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- *Ministry with People with Disabilities*
- *Spiritual Formation*
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- *Young Adult Ministry*

New BeADisciple.com Online Courses Beginning in January



The Bible, the Weather, and Risk Management January 13 -24

Recent disruptions in weather patterns and devastating weather events have left church administrators and other leaders wondering what this means for their own congregations. But we should also be looking at what Scripture teaches us about weather and its implications. Led by an experienced expert in insurance underwriting and risk management, this two-week course will weave truth into conversation around Scripture and the weather while we analyze risk and ways to protect church properties. God's control extends over the weather, and with this knowledge we can look at how to best take care of the facilities dedicated to His use.

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Addressing Racialized Crises Through a Spiritual Lens January 13-24

How can the sin of racism impact local congregations? This two-week course is for clergy and lay members in leadership roles who are searching for systemic and strategic ways to address issues concerning this vital topic. Participants will develop an individual step-by-step process to prepare for tackling racial issues that take place in society and may cause tension and division within the membership. Even if discussions about race and antiracism are a challenge in your community or congregation, the provided framework can be a tool to facilitate transformational conversations, while building a network of support with leaders across the country and without causing drastic changes to the day-to-day operations of church programming.

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Futureproofing Faith: Revitalizing Churches in the 21st Century January 13-24

This two-week course is a transformative event designed for church leaders and members who are facing challenges in growth and impact. It offers strategic insights and practical tools to revitalize struggling churches, emphasizing adaptability and sustainability while respecting traditional ministry methods. Participants will explore modern ministry essentials, from technology integration to social justice, ensuring their church thrives in today's world and beyond.

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Reading the New Testament With Fresh Eyes

January 27-Feb. 21

“Reading the New Testament with Fresh Eyes” is for anyone who has wanted to understand the Bible more effectively. Over four weeks, learners will learn methods for interpreting the New Testament so that it gives life to

us and to those in our ministry scope. Students will learn how to study the Scriptures thoughtfully and critically, developing Biblical interpretation skills for future teaching and preaching while understanding their context for reading the Scriptures. Optional Zoom sessions will support the learning process.

This course is a requirement for Certified Lay Ministry certification in the Great Plains conference of the United Methodist Church but welcomes all learners to enroll.

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Dec. 2-13: *Old Testament Through a Different Lens: Ketuvim/Writings*

Dec. 2-16: *Living in the Slow Lane: Strengthening Our Spiritual Well-being*

Dec. 2-6: *Biblical Women in Advent (Microcourse)*

Dec. 9-14: *Joseph: An Advent Study*

Dec. 9-20: *Addiction and Spirituality*

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