



## ***We Are Here for You***

Greetings, friend!

September is almost here, and preparations are underway for a full slate of course offerings this fall at BeADisciple.com. Whether you're looking for a Wesley Academy course, Lay Servant Ministries training, or simply a course that will help you think and grow, we are ready. I love the way we're able to connect learners easily online, from across the United States and around the world. Just last week, many of our instructors and staff gathered virtually for a time of training and connection. For whatever your Christian educational needs may be in the coming months, we're here for it!



BeADisciple stands apart from most other online learning platforms because of our Christian focus. Our goal is to make rich learning experiences accessible to church leaders and laity, no matter your location or life situation, and to help you grow as a disciple in faith and ministry.

I invite you to check out our upcoming courses below and see what might speak to your needs now, or check out our full course catalog [here](#). As the summer winds down, where might your heart, mind, and soul find joy, learning, and refreshment for the days ahead? We're praying for you and here to help.

Peace,

Lori Richey  
Director of Online Education, Institute for Discipleship

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## ***New BeADisciple.com Online Courses Beginning in September***

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**Sept. 9-15: *Following Jesus: The Sermon on the Mount***

**Sept. 15-22: *Jesus' Disciples in Mark, And Us***

**Sept. 12 - Oct. 4: *Preaching or Teaching from Mark's Gospel***

## ***New BeADisciple.com Online Courses Beginning in October***

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### ***Abiding in Christ Together: Creating Gospel-Centric Retreats*** **October 7 - 18**

This course is for persons called to lead Christian retreats who are looking for ways to guide those they shepherd to grow in the intimacy of abiding in Jesus. Equipped by this two-week course, leaders ranging from the inexperienced to persons with more leadership experience can design retreats centered in the stories of Jesus. You will learn how to design experiences that focus on one Gospel story, including the practices of Christian conferencing, prayer, searching the Scriptures, worship, study, and solitude and silence for reflection. The resulting retreats will offer depth to seasoned church members without over-challenging newcomers to the faith.

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### ***Old Testament Through a Different Lens: The Prophets*** **October 14 - 25**

This course examines Scripture through lenses other than those familiar to us as Christians. It looks at the Prophets—from Joshua, Judges, Samuel, and Kings, to the major and minor prophets of the Old Testament—and connects them to the contexts and experiences of ancient and modern Israel. It will focus on the “bad” kings, the heroes, the judges, the building of the nation into a unified monarchy and its dissolution. You will discover the many times Israel was invaded and dispersed in antiquity and see the role or prophetic voices in the exile/captivity, as well as learning more about how God works in the lives of Biblical figures. Finally, it will bring the insights of these ancient prophets into a modern context.

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### ***The Lost Art of Practicing His Presence*** **October 21 - November 10**

The frenzied pace of today’s society often leaves busy believers feeling as if they don’t have time to sit in the presence of God. This three-week book session is for those persons, helping them find a quiet place in the midst of their lives. “The Lost Art of Practicing His Presence” will slow you down and allow you to connect with God without

feeling overwhelmed. It features contemplative prayer, and urges you to “Be still and know that I am God.”

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## ***New BeADisciple.com Online Microcourses Beginning in September***

**Sept. 9-16: *Teaching and Leading Small Groups***

**Sept. 16-20: *A Closer Look at the Trinity***

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