

Your Thoughts Matter

Greetings, friend!

Back in 2019, BeADisciple launched a new set of courses – IFD Specialized-Ministry Certifications, with programs in Spiritual Formation, Children’s Ministry, and Evangelism. In the six years since, our offerings have grown to 14 programs with a focus on providing affordable, accessible, and high-quality training for maximum impact in ministry, and we hear often from our learners that we’ve done just that.



However, we want to make sure that our programs are meeting your needs, today, right where you are. In the spirit of continual improvement, we are gathering feedback from three key groups of stakeholders in our certification world – our instructors, those learners who have completed one of our programs, and potentially YOU, as someone who may have tried a program and didn’t finish or who may have never heard of these programs at all.

Your feedback is crucial to guide us forward and we sincerely ask for your help. The commitment is small – a survey that will take 10 minutes or less to complete. If you’re willing, click [here](#) to access that survey now, or right after you’ve finished reading this newsletter. Thank you for being part of the BeADisciple family!

Peace,

Lori Richey
Director of Online Education, Institute for Discipleship

P.S. We’re still looking for BeADisciple folks (learners or instructors) to be a presence for us at their own annual conferences or other denominational meetings. If you are willing to share about BeADisciple with others at your conference, let us know by completing the form [at this link](#). We will provide you with supplies that will help you tell others about BeADisciple.

Spotlight on an Instructor: Todd Seifert

Todd Seifert is communications director for the Great Plains Conference (Kansas and Nebraska) of the United Methodist Church, a position he accepted in 2015 after 20 years as a journalist. In the local church, he has taught Bible studies aimed at promoting discipleship and evangelism among participants. He is a certified lay minister in the United Methodist Church and pastor of Lawrence Centenary UMC in Kansas. He is a regular contributor to an online daily devotion email within the Great Plains Conference. He also hosts a podcast titled "In Layman's Terms" that tells stories about discipleship and shares brief reflections on scripture.



Todd says: I took several classes on BeADisciple.com before eventually leading a course on the book of Acts and assisting our former bishop with a Lenten study on the healing power of the Psalms. I greatly appreciate the way the platform brings people together across vast distances to learn together and to get to know each other despite the boundary of distance. Teaching has regularly been one of my top spiritual gifts. So when I had a great experience learning in this way, I knew I wanted to be part of it by leading groups who want to grow in their faith. Of course, along the way, I learn about as much from the insights of learners on BeADisciple as I am able to share with them. So each experience has been a fruitful one.

In addition to seasonal offerings, Todd is a member of the instructor team for BeADisciple's popular Certified Lay Ministry modules.

***Camp Curriculum, Coaching Offered by
Project Transformation and
BeADisciple.com***



A proven, life-changing curriculum for youth summer camps is now available to local congregations through a collaboration between Project Transformation National and BeADisciple.com.

The adaptable camp curriculum has been developed and used by Project Transformation, a 26-year-old organization that equips youth and young adults to serve their communities.

Access to an online course through BeADisciple.com includes a curriculum overview outlining the materials; eight weekly overviews describing the themes and lessons; 30 lessons from each of the program components including literacy, STEAM, spiritual formation, and arts enrichment; and a supply list of needed materials. Crucially, participation also includes individual consultations for training and design as well as monthly one-hour consultations for individually tailoring the curriculum to the church's context. An additional consultation following completion of the camp will evaluate the program.

For more information on Project Transformation, click [**here**](#),

New BeADisciple.com Online Courses Beginning in April



Bridging the Gap: Engaging "Nones" With Spirituality and Faith

April 21 - May 2

In a world where religious affiliation is steadily declining, millions of people identify as “Nones”— those who are spiritually curious but disconnected from organized faith.

This empowering course is designed to help spiritual leaders, educators, and community builders understand and connect with this growing demographic. The course provides concrete, real-world strategies and spiritual practices that learners can immediately implement in their work. You will learn how to initiate meaningful conversations, offer relevant spiritual practices, and provide a welcoming space for those seeking purpose and meaning without the pressure of traditional religious labels.

Join in to build bridges of understanding, foster deeper connections, and inspire spiritual growth in a world that’s craving something more.

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A Journey Through the Old Testament: Rebuilding the Temple

April 21 - May 16

The Old Testament story of the rebuilding of the temple in the books of Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, and Zachariah offers a story of hope and promise during a difficult time for the Jews in Jerusalem. It is a story of promise—promise of God to His people that is still relevant to us today.

This recounting, which may be unfamiliar to many Christians, also will give insight into personal growth and spiritual and help the learner find hope in this difficult world as we examine the importance of God’s promise to his people.

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Beginning in March

March 10-21 : *Bridging Grief...Now What?*

March 17-21: *Biblical Women in Lent (Microcourse)*

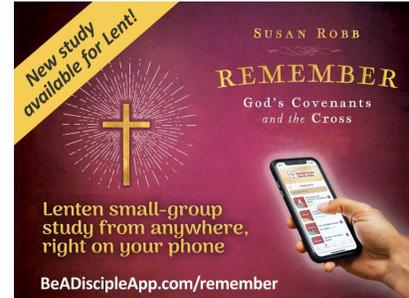
New Lenten Study Available on BeADisciple App

A new Lenten study is now available on the BeADisciple Study App. **Remember: God's Covenants and the Cross** is a six-week study by United Methodist elder Rev. Susan Robb.

The BeADisciple Study App makes leading or participating in a small group easy. All content from the book, leader guide, and DVD – as well as the entire text of the CEB Bible – is in the app. Participants can take notes on daily readings right in the app and share connection and prayer concerns with your group anytime during the study. Groups can even meet via Zoom directly in the app.

God's Covenants and the Cross adds an orientation session to help familiarize participants with the app, and detailed leader training is included. If purchased at the **BeADisciple Study App website**, leader price is \$48 and participant price is \$18.

Visit [this link](#) to learn more and start forming your interactive Lenten small group study now.



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