

Monday Morning Bible Study

Epic: The Early Church



Mondays

Jan. 22 - May 14

10:15 am - 11:45 am

Room 105

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Epic: The Early Church

Epic: The Early Church will lead you on a powerful, fast-paced journey through the first 500 years of Church history. You'll meet courageous saints, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors and heroic martyrs. This dynamic study program presents the origins of the Faith from a truly Catholic perspective!

We will also cover the time period from AD 500 - 999 as a bonus section, with handout provided.

The DVD presentations in our study are by Steve Weidenkopf. Read more about Steve inside the flyer.

Don't miss this opportunity to take part in a compelling and inspiring learning experience that is sure to draw you closer to Christ through a deeper understanding of His Church.

Course Facilitator:

John Wincelowicz

Coordinator - Adult Formation, English



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Registration: Monday Morning Bible Study: Early Church History

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Course Registration Fee with Study Guide: \$ 25.00
Fee includes the Study Set

Epic: The Early Church Study Set

Extra Study Sets can be purchased at their regular price of: \$25.00 each

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Guide to the sessions
January 12 to May 14

Period: Mustard Seed 33 – 99 AD

1. The Mustard Seed (33 – 70 AD)
2. The Ways of Life and Death (70 – 99 AD)

Period: Persecution 100 - 312 AD

3. Martyrs and Apologists (99 – 200 AD)
4. The Faith Attacked (200 – 300 AD)

Period: Conversions & Councils 313 - 499 AD

5. The Dawn of Christendom (300 – 325 AD)
6. The Arian Attack (325 – 335 AD)
7. The Bitter Fruit of Heresy (335 – 381 AD)
8. Heroes of God (340 – 410 AD)
9. Councils and a Great Pope (410 – 461 AD)

April 12: #10 - Splintering of an Empire (461 – 500 AD)

Bonus Period: AD 500 - 999

Handouts provided for Bonus Period

From, EPIC - A Journey through Church History

Period: Missionaries & The Emperor

April 19: Missionaries & The Emperor - Part 1a

April 26: Missionaries & The Emperor - Part 1b

May 3: Missionaries & The Emperor - Part 2a

May 17: Missionaries & The Emperor - Part 2b

Our Weekly Schedule will be:

10:15 am - 10:25 am – Gathering,
Opening Prayer, Overview of Session

10:25 am - Start DVD Presentation;
*followed by short break & Group
Discussion*

Meet the Presenter of the DVD material



Steve Weidenkopf

Creator and co-author of
*Epic: A Journey through
Church History*
and
Epic: The Early Church

Steve is a Lecturer of Church History at the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College in Alexandria, Virginia and the author of study guides on Pope Paul VI's encyclical, *Humanae Vitae* and *Lumen Gentium*.

Steve is a frequent guest on Catholic radio where his brimming energy and knowledge allow him to fields calls spanning questions from the persecution of Nero to fascinating details of John Paul II's pontificate.

He served as the Director of the Office of Marriage & Family Life for the Archdiocese of Denver and as an advisor to Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. He holds an MA in theological studies from the Graduate School at Christendom College and a BA in International Relations from Syracuse University.

**The Study Set (for Sessions 1-10) includes:
Timeline Chart and Bookmark with the Student
Workbook Including:**

A dynamic, engaging full-color layout featuring classic art, maps and charts.

An Overview of each session & quick Quizzes to help you remember essential points.

Talk Notes for the presentations.

Group Discussion Questions.9

A detailed Appendix

Discover the Epic Story of The Early Church!

Most Hollywood "historical" movies portray this period of Church history in a way that deviates significantly from actual events (the 2009 film *Agora*, which takes place during the early Church period, is a prime example).

Possessing a general understanding of history is an important aspect of being an educated person. And for Catholics, learning and studying early Church history is an absolutely essential part of our faith life. The history of the Catholic Church is the story of our family. It is the epic story of our ancestors in the Faith.

**The early Church was the Catholic Church.
The early Christians were Catholic:**

As the earliest documents reveal, the early Christians believed in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and their liturgies and rites bore strong similarities to our own.

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origins of the Faith from a truly Catholic
perspective!**

You will...

Discover the major people, places, and events of the first 500 years of Church history

Recognize that the early Christian Church was truly the Catholic Church
Discover that many of the challenges facing the Church today are the same ones boldly confronted by the early Church fathers

...and much more!