

James, Peter, and Jude: The Catholic Letters - This study covers four New Testament letters traditionally known as the Catholic Letters because each is written to strengthen Christian communities scattered across a wide region of the Roman Empire rather than a specific Christian community. Participants will discover that they contain profound differences as well as intriguing similarities. James is a work of wisdom literature, expounding on the themes of faith and good works, true wisdom, and the need for the rich to care for the poor. First Peter resembles a sermon on baptism. It is filled with moral exhortations about living out one's baptismal promises in a properly upright, faith-filled manner, especially in the face of suffering and persecution. Second Peter contains strong warnings and exhortations to avoid false teachings to maintain proper ethical conduct while awaiting the second coming of Jesus Christ. It shares much of its content with Jude, because of which, Jude is studied in conjunction with Second Peter.

Weekly Sessions Introductory Session

Lesson 1—James 1–2

Lesson 2—James 3–5

Lesson 3—First Peter 1:1–3:7

Lesson 4—First Peter 3:8–5:14

Lesson 5—Second Peter 1:1–2:16; Jude vv. 1-13

Lesson 6—Second Peter 2:17–3:18; Jude vv. 14-24

Women In The New Testament - This study of New Testament women engages with women across a variety of connections to Jesus and the apostles and studies them accordingly. Participants will encounter the strengths and needs of these women, but also how being a woman in the holy land during the time of Jesus and the apostles shaped many of the challenges they faced in responding to Jesus. Participants will enter into discussion and prayer about expectant faith, what it means to be touched by Jesus, and the meaning of discipleship through the lives of the women who lived in the first generation of Christianity.

Weekly Sessions

Introductory Session

Lesson 1—Women of Expectant Faith

Lesson 2—Women Changed by Jesus

Lesson 3—More Women Changed by Jesus

Lesson 4—Women of Prominence

Lesson 5—Women and Discipleship, Part I

Lesson 6—Women and Discipleship, Part II