



Centennial Bible Study:

Expanding Minds, Deepening Faith, Inspiring Service

From its beginning one hundred years ago, Lutheran Campus Ministry has been committed to nurturing the total person and grounded in the conviction that faithful discipleship involves the believer's head, heart, and hands. Reflecting this wholistic vision of mission, Lutheran Campus Ministry's centennial theme is "Expanding Minds, Deepening Faith, Inspiring Service."

Some might think the centennial theme is merely a catchy slogan; in fact, it is rooted in the Biblical vision of mission and ministry. The Bible speaks to the most perplexing questions of existence, calls believers to greater awareness of God's presence, and challenges the faithful to translate assertions of love into acts of mercy and justice. Campus Ministry is committed to these goals, because Scripture reveals them as hallmarks of authentic religious practice. As part of the celebration of Lutheran Campus Ministry's 100 years of service, three campus pastors have written two Bible studies each, which explore a dimension of the centennial theme. Timothy Spring (Montana State University) writes on "expanding minds." Joel Nau (University of Utah) writes on "deepening faith." Robert Dotzel (University of Iowa) writes on "inspiring service."

The studies, intended for use in small groups, have different styles, but they share a common format. Each study begins with a gathering time, followed by an introduction to the text. Then, participants engage the text and explore what it might be saying to them personally and as part of a community of faith in the world. Each session concludes with a closing prayer or exercise.

The studies may be adapted to fit your own context. They are offered in the hope that the community of Christ on your campus will be characterized by expanding minds, deepened faith, and inspired service.

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