

## What is the *Great Adventure*?

Welcome to the Great Adventure...A Journey Through the Bible!

The Great Adventure is a Catholic Bible learning system that makes the complex simple by teaching the story of the Bible. Jeff Cavins developed The Great Adventure in 1984 when he realized that most people, despite their strong faith, did not grasp the "big picture" of the Bible. Though they knew selected stories, they were not able to connect them into a full narrative. His answer was to identify the books of the Bible that tell the story from beginning to end. By reading these 14 "narrative" books, a chronological story emerges.

The Great Adventure Bible Study program seeks to draw people into a transforming relationship with Christ through Scripture as it is read from within the heart of the Catholic Church.

### The Three foundational studies of The Great Adventure!

1. **The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation**—A rich exploration of the twelve periods of salvation history as told in fourteen "narrative books" of the Bible.

- *Learn God's marvelous plan of salvation history and see how your faith story fits into "His-story!"*
- *Study key Old Testament passages in light of their fulfillment in Christ!*



- *Learn how Catholic Tradition views the biblical narrative and how to use the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a study reference!*

2. **Matthew: The King and His Kingdom**— The gospel of Matthew is studied for a deeper understanding of the period of Messianic Fulfillment.

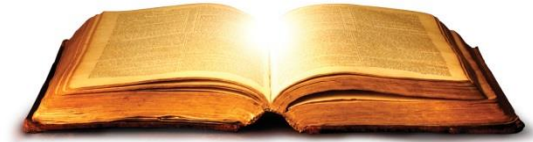
- *Witness the seeds of the Church in the foundation Christ built on the twelve apostles, with Peter as His vicar!*
- *Discover the roots of the sacraments, and see how Jesus' words and actions are reflected in the holy sacrifice of the Mass!*
- *Watch Jesus re-live the life and history of Israel as the obedient Son who trusts the Father to the very end, defeats death, hell, and the grave, and rises to new life!*

3. **Acts: the Spread of the Kingdom**— In the same way the fourteen narrative books of the Bible Timeline form a framework for understanding the rest of Scripture, Acts provides a historic framework for understanding the rest of the New Testament. Here, the overall story of the Bible becomes our story as well as we learn to understand better the period of the Church and find our place within it.

- *See how the Gospel witness spread outward in waves, from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria, and finally to the ends of the earth!*
- *Share with the early Christians the joys and struggles of living the life of Christ, and learn how these apply to us today!*
- *See how the Holy Spirit guided the apostles into Truth. Observe the way the Spirit-filled Church adapted to new cultures when proclaiming the Gospel!*

### Continuing Studies from the Great Adventure! —First Corinthians: the Church and the Christian

**Community**— by Tim Gray, Ph.D....The conflicts of the early Christians in Corinth are in many ways similar to our struggles today as Christians. With divisions, immorality, persecution, and other trials of the faithful, the messages of St. Paul to the Corinthians is a much-needed message for our own times.



First Corinthians explores the key elements that the apostle Paul introduced to a new and growing Church. St. Paul taught the Corinthians about the nature of grace and the Church. St. Paul taught the Corinthians about the nature of grace and the Church as the body of Christ. In addition, he introduced the Corinthian Christians to the most powerful gift of all, the Eucharist, which, along with Christian virtue, leads to a life of joy.

### Study Format

*In these studies you will...*

- *Do the assigned reading at home...*
- *Answer homework questions...*
- *Come to the study each week and discuss the questions in your small group and review the prepared Great Adventure Responses...*
- *Have fellowship with the members of the study...*
- *View the DVD Presentation prepared by Jeff Cavins, Dr. Tim Gray, Sarah Chrsitmyer*



*"The Great Adventure Bible Study Series are simply an amazing way to learn the Story of Salvation and to understand in depth why we do and believe the things we do as Catholics!"*

*Jacqueline Yopez*

## DVD Group Bible Studies for 2013-2014 at Our Lady of Peace!

Held in the Family Learning Center

Fall-Winter

### The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

(25 Sessions)

<b>Monday Evenings</b>
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
FLC Room 1203
9/9/2013 to 3/31/2014
Materials \$36.00
Registration \$25.00

### Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

(24 Sessions)

<b>Monday Evenings</b>
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
FLC Room 1202
9/9/2013 to 3/24/2014
Materials \$25.00
Registration \$25.00

Spring

### Psalms

(11 Sessions)

<b>Monday Evenings</b>
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
FLC Rooms 1101-1102
4/7/2014 to 6/30/2014
Materials \$18.00
Registration \$15.00

**To register, contact the Adult Religious Education Office.** See the *Contact Info* on the back of this pamphlet.

*\*The information about the studies comes from The Great Adventure Resource Guide and Leader's Resource Binder.*

## Adult Religious Education Office Hours

Monday to Friday 3pm to 7pm

There are no office hours on Wednesday

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