

**10 WEEK LENTEN STUDY**  
**BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Lead by retired Pastor, Tim Earnhardt – email: [TimEarnhardt@vaumc.org](mailto:TimEarnhardt@vaumc.org)

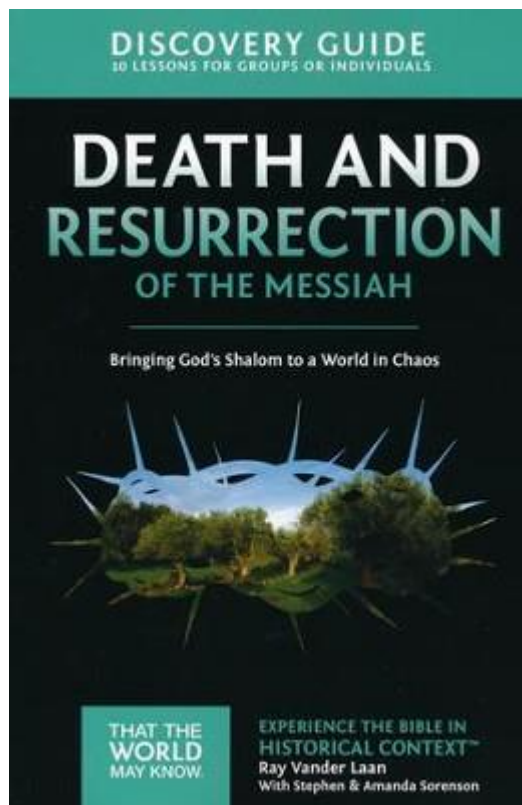
Mornings: 10:30 – 12:00 noon

Evenings: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**RAY VANDER LAAN**

Since receiving his Master's of Divinity from Westminster Theological Seminary in 1976, Ray Vander Laan has been actively involved in studying and teaching Jewish culture using the methods of Jewish education. He has continued graduate studies in Jewish Studies in the United States, Israel, Turkey and Egypt. He has been a teacher for 35 years and is an ordained minister with the Christian Reformed Church. He has also authored a book entitled Echoes of His Presence, published by Focus on the Family. Vander Laan founded That the World May Know Ministries in 1998. Ray has taken over 10,000 people with him on his study tours of Israel, Turkey and Egypt.

Ray's preaching and teaching ministry is focused on understanding the Bible in light of the historical and cultural context in which God placed it. This perspective on the Bible highlights God's call for His people to be a transforming influence on their culture. He uses research of the top scholars in the fields of archaeology, history, and Biblical study as tools to explore the Biblical text ever more deeply. His gifts, expertise, and calling are to link that cultural information and the Bible so that its message applies to our lives today in very practical ways.



**DATE:**

**Weekly Sessions**

February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Session One: When Storms Come - Sea of Galilee
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Session Two: Piercing the Darkness - Kursi
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Session Three: Gates of Hades (Hell) - Caesarea Philippi
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Session Four: City of the Great King – The Temple
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Session Five: City of the Great King – Jerusalem
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	Session Six: The Lamb of God - Mount of Olives
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Session Seven: The Weight of the World - Capernaum/Gethsemane
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Session Eight: Roll Away the Stone - Garden Tomb
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Session Nine: Power to the People - Southern Stairs
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Session Ten: Total Commitment - Caesarea

## **Description**

This ten-session small group Bible study, *Death and Resurrection of the Messiah*, from noted teacher and historian, Ray Vander Laan, is volume four of the That the World May Know series. In it, Vander Laan illustrates how Jesus' call to follow him turned the world upside down, and learn how confronting evil can be loudly proclaiming the name of Jesus or quietly caring for someone in need.

Filmed on location in Israel, Faith Lessons is a unique video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals unique insights into the Scriptures' significance for modern believers.

Each lesson:

- Focuses on passages of Scripture explored in the DVD
- Includes sidebars, maps, photos and other study tools
- Features questions that facilitate discussion and inspire personal reflection
- Includes 30 personal Bible studies to help you deepen your learning experience between sessions, and turn lessons from the past into applications that impact how you live out your faith today.
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These illuminating "faith lessons" afford a new understanding of the Bible that will ground your convictions and transform your life.

## **Author Bio**

Ray Vander Laan is the founder of That the World May Know Ministries and creator of the Faith Lessons video series with Focus on the Family. An ordained minister, he holds the chair of biblical cultural studies as a religion instructor at Holland Christian Schools in Holland, Michigan. He and his wife, Esther, have four children and fifteen grandchildren.

Stephen and Amanda Sorenson are founders of Sorenson Communications and have co-written many small group curriculum guidebooks, including the entire Faith Lessons series.

## **STUDY BOOKS: (NOT REQUIRED FOR THE LENTEN STUDY)**

There is a study book that you can purchase and follow along with the lesson each week that also has a daily study for you to work on during the week. If you would like to purchase a book, they are \$10.00 each. If you would like a book, please mark yes on the attached form. I will order the books and you can pay for them once they arrive. The study book is not required for this Lenten Study.

**You can attend any or all the studies if you like. You don't have to make every study if you are unable to. Just come to the ones you can make. You can email me also with any questions at:**

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