

FAQs



You probably have a few questions...

What is Walking With Purpose?

Walking With Purpose is a Catholic women's Bible study that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study and small group discussion that link our everyday challenges and struggles with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Roman Catholic Church.

Why should I join?

As women, we often put our needs last. This is something for YOU...a place to refuel and refresh your heart and soul, meet wonderful ladies of all ages, learn more about your Catholic faith, and be reminded of God's love for you.

Which course should I take?

If you're new to WWP, Opening Your Heart is the perfect starting point.

What is Opening Your Heart?

Opening Your Heart lays a solid spiritual foundation, effectively leading those in the "seeking" stage of faith to a place of greater depth. At the same time, it challenges spiritually mature women to develop a deeper understanding of the core truths of the Catholic faith. The overall focus is on transformation of heart. In the process, we learn how to apply the Bible in practical ways.

What is Touching the Divine?

Touching the Divine focuses on the many qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws us into a deeper, loving relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality. Saint John referred to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved" and as we study, John will teach us how much Jesus loves us, and how His love is the true satisfaction of our souls. Knowing Christ more intimately, as John did, will touch your heart and fill you with hope.

Who participates in WWP?

Since 2016, over 180 lovely ladies have participated in WWP at St. Stephen, Martyr. The group included 18 - 80 year olds; first-time bible studiers and lifelong learners; just moved to the area and longtime residents; introverts and extroverts; stay at home moms, working professionals, and retired; single, married, divorced, and widowed; mothers and daughters; and all branches of military.

Is babysitting included?

Free babysitting is available during the morning session. Virtus-trained child care providers tend to your children in the nursery directly across from Room 7. Enrollment is limited, so you'll need to register.

Is there actual walking involved?

Nope. :-)

What can I expect at the weekly sessions?

First of all, come as you are...work clothes, work out clothes...whatever. We begin in Room 5 for fellowship, coffee, and light snacks; open in prayer; move to small groups for discussion; then close with personal prayer requests. Make sure you bring your Bible each week.

What if I can't attend every week?

We know you're busy and 22 weeks sounds intimidating...but don't worry. Come the weeks you can and don't stress about the weeks you can't. You still learn a lot if you do the lesson on your own.

Can I switch between morning and evening sessions?

If you have a conflict with your regular time, feel free to come to the other session.

How much time will I spend completing the lessons in the Study Guide?

Opening Your Heart is a foundational study which requires about 15 minutes of Study Guide prep five days a week. Touching the Divine is an intermediate study which requires about 20 minutes of Study Guide prep five days a week.

What is the Kick Off Event?

It's fun! It's the only time both morning and evening groups are all together. You'll enjoy wine, punch, and snacks as we get to know each other, introduce the leadership team, tell newcomers about what to expect, and inform past participants about changes for the upcoming year.

What if there is inclement weather?

If Chesapeake schools are closed, WWP does not meet and the session will be rescheduled.

What is a Connect Coffee?

A Connect Coffee is our monthly meeting when we watch a 30 minute video by Lisa Brenninkmeyer followed by a shortened small group discussion. Since there is no "homework", these weeks are a perfect time to bring a friend or try out a class.

Do I have to be Catholic to join?

WWP is a Catholic Bible study, but we welcome any women interested in studying God's Word, irrespective of faith background, age, or marital status.

Does anyone see what I write in my study guide?

What you write is for your eyes only. You only share what you want.

What if I've never been to a Bible study?

This is the perfect place for you to start! You'll want to sign up for Opening Your Heart: The Starting Point. No prior Scripture knowledge is required, just your study guide and a Bible.

Can I join anytime?

We encourage enrollment before the beginning of each Bible study season; However, we offer "rolling admission." Visit and join our program anytime.

Can I be in a group with my friends?

Group dynamics are so important, so we do our best to get you with your requested leader or friend. However, we're not a club. We're a ministry missioned to touch the lives of as many women as possible to experience the love of Christ through Scripture. For that reason, we mix seasoned participants with new participants.

Where does WWP meet?

We start out in Room 5. Just go past the rest rooms, take a right, and look for the room with the giant pink daisies in front. At times, the evening group meets off site in someone's home when all rooms are booked at church. Details will be provided once the program begins.

Are there refreshments?

Coffee, tea, water, and light snacks are available at each session. Feel free to bring your favorite frothy beverage or yummy treat. Be comfy.

Can I try out a class before I join?

Absolutely. Stop by anytime and try it out. You'll soon discover that WWP is a place to find peace, joy, and balance. If you like it, register and pay online or at your next class.

What if I'm running late or didn't do my lesson?

Out of respect of everyone's schedule, we start on time and end on time. If you are running late, absolutely come anyway. We're busy women and understand that life and schedules present challenges. Although it's ideal to come prepared with your lesson completed, we realize that some weeks it just doesn't happen. Again, come anyway. :-)

What is the course fee for Walking With Purpose?

The course fee is \$40. (Scholarships available by contacting WWP Coordinator.)

How much is the study guide?

Order your study guide prior to the first session at WWPStore.com. Guides range from \$20 to \$40 plus shipping.

Can I get a refund if I have to drop out?

For whatever reason...you move, your schedule changes, or it simply isn't meeting your expectations...just contact the WWP Operational Coordinator for a pro-rated course fee refund.

**For more information, go to WalkingWithPurpose.com or
contact Ann Emsley at emsley89@verizon.net.**

