

Friendship Sunday School Class

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Actually, a more appropriate name for this class might be The Friendly Pilgrims. By the nature of our studies and the process by which the class is conducted, we each see ourselves as a Pilgrim always on a journey towards greater understanding of our faith, greater development of our spirituality, and a deeper understanding of The Kingdom of God and our role in it. Underlying all of this exploration, however, is the feeling of camaraderie that seeks to encourage free expression of ideas, accepting expression of feeling, and a sense of safety amidst doubt.

The class itself consists of both lecture and discussion. The class begins each session with Bible verses being committed to memory and ends each session with the affirmation found in Psalm 121.

The class is presently exploring the topic, **Can We Trust the Gospels?** by Dr. Mark Roberts. After we finish that book, we will then look at each Gospel individually. We'll cover such topics as the agenda of the Gospel writer, how Jesus is portrayed in each Gospel, and the hard sayings found in each. We'll also pay special attention to the Jewishness of Jesus as we look at the Gospels.

After we finish our study of the Gospels, which will take some time, the class will then study two equally compelling and lengthy topics: A Survey of the Bible and The History of Christian Theology. There is no set time limit for the topics studied in the class. The class spends as much time on the topic as it takes to satisfy our needs.

Because we also believe in active discipleship, the class participates in various projects during the year. Among its projects are: the creation and maintenance of the church library, donations to Women to the World, participation in various outreaches such as the Hispanic ministry and the Inner Faith Hospitality Network.