Newsline Article - December 2020 - CV Bible Studies

The Compelling Vision Team is developing a 13-session Bible study series around the Compelling Vision. Designed for use by youth and adults, the series will be available at no cost on the Compelling Vision webpage in February 2021. (Sample sessions will be posted in mid-January.) Recognizing the importance of discerning the mind of Christ through communal study of scripture, it is our hope that this Bible study series will serve a two-fold purpose: to help congregations engage more deeply with the Jesus in the Neighborhood vision and to help congregations and their delegates prepare for the conversations to take place at Annual Conference as we move toward affirmation of the vision.

Each of the thirteen sessions has as its focus a question that invites participants to explore a different word or phrase in the vision and has been written by a different person, creating a series that is rich in both breadth and depth. The project is being edited by Joan Daggett. Plans are also underway to translate this resource into both Spanish and Haitian Kreyol. We are grateful for the role each member of this diverse team has played in bringing this project to fruition.

	Theme	Question Prompt	Writer(s)
1	Vision	What is vision? Why is it important for the faith community to have vision?	Brandon Grady
2	"Together"	What binds us together in Christian community?	Audrey and Tim Hollenberg-Duffey
3	"as the Church of the Brethren"	How does scripture and tradition inform our current denominational identity?	Denise Kettering Lane
4	"we will passionately live and share"	What does it mean to be spiritually passionate?	Kayla and Ilexene Alphonse
5	"the radical transformation"	What does it mean to be radically transformed through Jesus Christ?	Thomas Dowdy
6	"and holistic peace"	What is the nature of the holistic peace of Jesus Christ and how are we called to embody it?	Gail Erisman Valeta
7	" of Jesus Christ"	How do we understand Jesus as Redeemer?	Jennifer Quijano West
8	" of Jesus Christ"	How do we understand Jesus as Teacher?	Val Kline
9	" of Jesus Christ"	How do we understand Jesus as Lord?	Ryan Cooper
10	"through relationship- based neighborhood engagement."	How does the example of Jesus Christ challenge us to build life-changing relationships with our neighbors?	Becky Zapata
11	"To move us forward, we will develop a culture"	How is God calling us to reshape the underlying culture of our life together?	Andy Hamilton
12	"a culture of calling and equipping disciples"	What does it mean to call and equip disciples for the strengthening of the body of Christ?	Bobbi Dykema
13	"disciples who are innovative, adaptable, and fearless."	How does God call us to be innovative, adaptable, and fearless?	Eric Landram