

ubc women's ministry

Finding I AM () by Lysa TerKeurst

Women's Winter Bible Study

Wednesday Evenings, beginning January 17 6:00-7:00pm Room 101

What is the deep cry of your heart? That ache in your soul that keeps you up at night? The prayer you keep repeating?

Jesus not only cares about this deep, spiritual wrestling, but He also wants to step in and see you through it.

Join Lysa TerKeurst on the streets of Israel to explore the seven I AM statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Through this interactive, in-depth study, you will learn to:

• Trade feelings of emptiness and depletion for a more personal fulfillment from knowing who Jesus is.

• Stop living like a slave to your circumstances by training your heart to embrace the life-giving freedom God wants for you.

• Gain a better understanding of how Jesus' words 2,000 years ago are so very applicable to the answers we are searching for today.

At the Well Tuesday, February 13 7:00pm Parlor

The Spring semester for At the Well is going to be

in keeping with our mission to act as a springboard for ministry opportunities for the women in our church, bearing in mind that every one of us has a ministry call. As well as sharing our own Jesus story in all areas of our lives, we want to offer various other opportunities to become involved in sharing the gospel in our community to those who need to hear.

The theme for the next At the Well will be 'The Love That Heals," and Becky Biser will be our speaker. Our mission project will be to collect the meal cards for victims of human trafficking, which Jerimiah recently mentioned in worship. Suggestions for \$5-10 gift cards include Chick-fil-A, Waffle House, Whataburger, McDonald's, Denny's, KFC, Taco Bell, and Chili's. If you are able to give more, gift cards in larger increments (\$40-100) from Best Buy, Walmart, and Target will be used as incentives for milestones such as attending counseling, completing a mentoring program, or graduating high school.



A Cup of Tea welcoming Maddie Bowen

Saturday, February 17 • 10:00-11:30am • Harris Hall

All UBC ladies are invited to join us for "A Cup of Tea" as we welcome Maddie Bowen, wife of our new Minister of Music and Worship. This will be a wonderful time to get to know Maddie and other women at UBC. We'll have delicious food, fun entertainment, time for fellowship, and of course—Tea! Invite a friend and make plans to attend!

Tickets cost \$12 and will be on sale in the main hallway on Sundays, January 28— February 11, or in the church office during the week. Childcare will be provided with a reservation.

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Maddie Bowen

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." (Psalm 34:8) This Bible verse is one of Maddie Bowen's favorites. Maddie remembers growing up in the church, attending several times each week. During her 4th and 5th years in elementary school, Maddie felt a tugging at her heart as she learned about Jesus and salvation through him. Initially, she was hesitant to make a profession of faith because she felt she didn't know enough about the Bible; she didn't feel ready to take that step. But before too long, she learned that one doesn't need to know everything about the Bible to make a commitment to Christ and she decided to make her of profession of faith. As she grew older, she continued to understand more about the message of Scripture through the mentoring of a high school youth pastor.

Maddie is the third of four girls to be born to a Psychologist who is currently in private

practice in Arlington. Her mom works for a group that helps foster children. Maddie grew up in Arlington and began to work as a nanny during high school. She was introduced to Matt Bowen by his sister when she was helping take care of her 5 children.

Matt was the worship leader at Maddie's church and her mom befriended him and helped in the match making process as did his sister. Maddie was attracted to Matt because of his honesty. She says his face always reflects what he is thinking. She was also drawn to him because of his passion for Christ as a worship leader. Being handsome didn't hurt either!

After high school, Maddie attended the University of Texas at Arlington. She didn't enjoy school very much and worked hard to complete her degree in three years. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies. Her goal is to eventually work as an elementary teacher. She will just need to take a test to be able to work in that field in the future.

Maddie and Matt dated for a couple of years, then married. They are parents to three girls. Lucy is 5 and according to Maddie, has a very tender heart. Maddie says she is the first to step up to pray for people. Alice is 3 and Maddie describes her as a "firecracker." She says Alice is hilarious, likes shock value, and loves attention. Penelope is a cuddly infant who is happy, friendly and loves her parents. Maddie takes her role as mom very seriously!

Hobbies and interests include reading, playing card games, and doing activities with family. In Frisco, she was involved in the group, Mothers of Preschoolers, participated in various Bible Studies, and worked with 3s and 4s in Sunday School.

A wild and crazy thing Maddie would like to do is backpack across Europe with Matt, seeing the many wonderful sites.

Maddie currently works as an administrative assistant in her father's practice, Paul Cuppett Psychology. She does some of her work from home during the girls' nap times and on Fridays when she is able to go into the office. She doesn't enjoy cooking with three little girls at her feet but she really likes making simple crockpot meals. Maddie does love going out for Mexican food! Joe T. Garcia's is a favorite, but she says almost any Mexican place is great.

Maddie is passionate about being an advocate for orphan care. She believes everyone is called to participate in some way, whether it is praying, financial giving, or just supporting those who choose to adopt. She is also passionate about raising her girls well, pointing them to follow Christ.

The Bible character Maddie identifies with is Jochebed, Moses's Mother. She says when you look at her story, you see how she lived boldly. She gave birth to a boy and boldly chose to hide him away with her for three months instead of following Pharaoh's orders to toss him into the Nile River. Then she courageously placed him in a basket and trusted the Lord to protect him as the basket drifted down the river. We see how God blessed her faithfulness by giving Moses back to her for three years as his wet nurse. Then again she had to deliver him back to Pharaoh's daughter. How difficult that must have been! In the end you can see how God blessed her faithfulness as she followed His purpose by supporting Moses to be the one who led the children of Israel out of slavery. As a mom, Maddie wants to be bold in her faith and lead her children as Jochebed did. Her hopes are that her children will place their trust in the Lord and follow him. She truly wants to experience what the Bible says in the verse, "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him".

Maddie also expressed her appreciation for the fact that UBC members have made her family feel welcome and have embraced them with much affection. Her family feels very blessed!