



Our Ministry's Purpose is *Reclaiming Organic Discipleship*. We believe that discipleship is central to Christ's message of the Good News of the Kingdom of God. Reclaiming what it means to be Christ-followers, by implementing the principles and practices He taught us, will bring about lasting life-change and spiritual offspring. DEM seeks to educate, inspire, equip and train everyday followers of Christ to adhere to the will and ways of God our Father, thus becoming more like Christ in our inner person and outer practice.

We have had a great autumn in our ministry. Linda and I are very grateful to each of you who participate with us. Thank you for your prayers for our ministry and family and for your financial contributions. Donating can be done on our website or at the PO address above. We value you and your service.

Enclosed is a paper I wrote about Islam. It is becoming more and more in the spotlight in the news at home and around the world so we need to stay informed about what the religion teaches.



### Oregon State University

I spoke this fall to over a hundred students on the campus at OSU (photo above) in Corvallis about developing a Biblical worldview. I challenged them to not only believe in their hearts but also to think with their minds. My interactions with the students were enthusiastic and informative!

### Eastridge Men's Group

Three Sunday mornings in a row I spoke to the men's group of Eastridge Church in the Sunnyside area of Portland. The subjects were *Men and Their Traps* and *Integrating Faith with Our Actions*. A real bond is being established with this group as I also spoke at their annual Men's Retreat earlier this year.

## Developing a Biblical World View - The Truth About the World

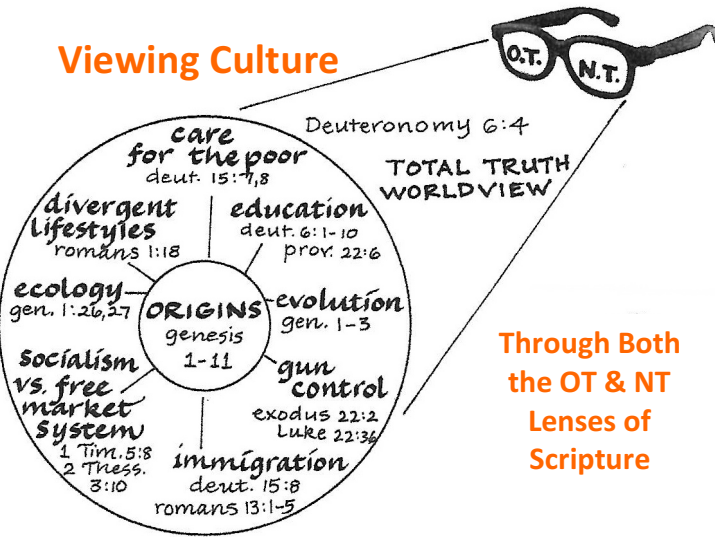
The Church today is more inclined to give over-simplistic answers to complex questions people are asking. Many of the young men in my Tuesday night group work with high school students and they say that what we are studying is answering the questions the youth are asking. *"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer (a logical, reasoned explanation) for WHY you believe to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."* 1 Peter 3:15 NIV

Recently I printed a study guide on this subject. Two of my objectives in writing this eight-week seminar have been to help Christ-Followers THINK about why they believe Biblical Truth and then be CONFIDENT in communicating their responses in an articulate manner. I taught the seminar in Portland, California, and portions of it in men's seminars and at OSU. This is equipping people to ask questions and supply well thought-out answers from the Bible about various pertinent topics. We offer the study guide for \$20, (incl. postage) 503-957-4547.

At right is an illustration I created that shows how we as Christ-followers ought to view our world, supplying answers for society's issues. These topics are representative of many others. The Torah verse, Deut. 6:4, *Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one,* is an apologetic defending the one true God (monotheism), against many gods, (polytheism). The better equipped we are to defend our faith the more confident we are to influence people for Jesus Christ. The Minion, Carl, from the movie, *Despicable Me*, is delightful but myopic as he can only view life through his one eye. In order to have a macro view of the world we must be able to view life through both lenses of the Old and New Testaments.



### Viewing Culture







Linda has been teaching her two studies of over forty lovely women (most pictured at left and below) for seven years and before that had a weekly Bible study with our neighbors for several years. Her heart is to dig into the treasures of God’s Word with an emphasis on Biblical history, Old Testament and supporting the people of the Land of Israel today.

*“... He who touches you (Israel) touches the apple of His eye.” Zechariah 2:8*

*“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May they prosper who love you.” Psalm 122:6*

Linda’s groups are studying the Book of Daniel this year, including the scope of Gentile world history revealed ahead of time through King Nebuchadnezzar’s dreams and Daniel’s visions.



Comments from Some in our Disciple Groups

Linda’s Groups:

- Jackie:** Daniel survived captivity, vigorous training in a foreign land, and jealousy by peers only to continue his focus at being diligent, full of integrity, forgiving toward his captors, while not swaying from his dedication to God, and was rewarded with a position next to the king.
- Cindy:** Even though I have studied Daniel before through church sermon series, I still learn so much when studying it verse by verse in a home setting through the sharing of perspectives with others from a variety of backgrounds.
- Joan:** God’s Word, through Daniel, confirms history, geography, geological and archaeological finds, and the coming to pass of future events.
- Carol:** Our leader, Miss Linda, brings out in us, her students, loving life and having a renewed spirit of self-worth and joy to share. Thank you, Linda!
- Diane:** Daniel’s ability to keep his faith and continue to worship and stay true to our one and only God in the circumstance he was placed in at such a young age and over his life time is an inspiration and model for us today.

- Dale’s Groups:**
- I am equipping my mind and feeding my soul.
  - You are more than a teacher to me, you have become a father in the faith.
  - A wife of a man said, “My husband comes home on Tuesday nights beaming with the knowledge he has learned from you.”

LEAVING A LEGACY

Linda and I take each of our grandchildren on a special trip when they are between 11-13 years old. We took Rowen McNown and Josiah Ebel to The Ark Encounter in Kentucky, sponsored by AIG: [www.answersingenesis.com](http://www.answersingenesis.com). The life-sized Ark was opened in July and is built to Biblical measurements which is actually a little longer than 1 ½ football fields. Realistic looking animals and the people of Noah’s family are displayed in the ark along with amazing presentations on how they all could have survived and thrived spending a year on the floating barge. The Good News of Jesus Christ is presented through various apologetics and Scriptures. We loved it. We also went to the Creation Museum, a football game and the boys also did zip lines and swam. Each day we studied the Bible using the booklet, *Scientific Facts in the Bible* by Ray Comfort. We looked up subjects like: The earth is a circle (spherical) in Isaiah 40:22. Isaiah was written 300 years before Aristotle suggested that the earth might be a sphere. Psalm 8:8 references *paths in the sea*. Matthew Maury, considered the father of oceanography, discovered warm and cold continental currents after the Psalmist wrote about these paths 2,800 years earlier. These simple facts that our grandsons discovered were enlightening and empowering. They remembered several of the verses and where they are located in the Bible when the trip was over. Psalm 145:4-6 reminds us that no matter how busy we are we must take time to teach the next generation.

Yours in Christ, Dale

