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DISCIPLE Video Presenters INTO THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

The video component of INTO THE WORD INTO THE WORLD consists of a set of videotapes with a ten-minute segment for use in each of the thirty-two weekly study sessions. The same set of videotapes will be used by youth study groups, adult groups, or groups composed of both youth and adults.

The video segments serve as the starting point for the weekly group sessions and are designed to

- provide a common base of information to the group members;
- establish the context or setting for a particular portion of Scripture; allow scholarly presentations on passages, themes, words, and images in Scripture;
- connect Scripture and life experience.

Each week your host, Dr. B. Davie Napier, will put the session into perspective and introduce the biblical scholars. Dr. Napier carefully sets the stage, providing continuity and background material for each week's segment.

Scholars providing video segments include

Dr. William Power – Professor Emeritus of Old Testament, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. The William Joseph Ambrose Power Chair of Biblical Hebrew and Old Testament Interpretation was established in his honor in 1991 at Perkins School of Theology. He is an ordained Episcopal priest serving the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. Dr. Power served as the Old Testament consultant for DISCIPLE.

Dr. Keith Schoville - Professor Emeritus of Hebrew and Semitic Studies, the University of Wisconsin--Madison. He is the author of *Biblical Archaeology in Focus* and numerous scholarly articles. He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the American Schools of Oriental Research, the National Association of Professors of Hebrew, and is president of the Near East Archaeological Society.

Dr. Katheryn Pfisterer Darr - Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at Boston University School of Theology. A United Methodist, she is a member of the editorial board for *The New Interpreter's Bible* and writer of the commentary on Ezekiel. Her published works include *Far More Precious Than Jewels: Perspectives on Biblical Women* and *Isaiah's Vision and the Family of God*.

Dr. Kathleen Farmer - Professor of Old Testament, United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio. She is a United Methodist and author of *Who Knows What Is Good? A Commentary on Proverbs and Ecclesiastes*, the article on Psalms in *The Women's Bible Commentary*, and the commentary on Ruth in *The New Interpreter's Bible*.

Dr. Walter Harrelson - Professor Emeritus of Hebrew Bible, Vanderbilt Divinity School, and Adjunct University Professor of Wake Forest University Divinity School. Dr. Harrelson is an ordained American Baptist and Disciples of Christ minister and has served other professorships at Andover Newton Theological School and the University of Chicago Divinity School. He is author of *Interpreting the Old Testament, The Ten Commandments & Human Rights, Jews & Christians: A Troubled Family* (with Rabbi Randall M. Falk), *Jews & Christians in Pursuit of Social Justice* (also with Rabbi Falk), and *The Making of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible* (with Bruce M. Metzger and Robert C. Dentan). He is the General Editor of *The New Interpreter's Study Bible*, published by Abingdon. He was a member (now chair) of the translation committee that produced the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible and continues to work and speak on issues of biblical translation.

Dr. John Holbert - Professor of homiletics, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. He is co-author with Michael Williams of *Storyteller's Companion to the Bible: Genesis*, wrote with Ron Allen *Holy Root, Holy Branches* and co-authored *Psalms for Praise and Worship*. He narrated a video series on the Gospel of John.

Dr. W. Sibley Towner - Professor of biblical interpretation and dean of the faculty, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA. Dr. Towner, a United Presbyterian (U.S.A.) minister, has taught at Yale Divinity School, Princeton Theological Seminary, and University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. His books in print are *The Rabbinic "Enumeration of Scriptural Examples," How God Deals With Evil*, and *Daniel* (in the Interpretation series).

Celia Brewer Marshall - Lecturer in Theology, Belmont Abbey College, Charlotte, NC; Lecturer in Religious Studies, University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Faculty member for thirteen years teaching teenagers in the Departments of Religion and History, The Westminster Schools, Atlanta, GA. A graduate of Duke University with a master's degree from Yale Divinity School, she is a frequent contributor to United Methodist publications. She is author of *A Guide Through the Old Testament* (Westminster/John Knox Press) and *A Guide Through the New Testament*. She served as a consultant for *The New Interpreter's Bible* (Abingdon Press).

Dr. Zan Holmes, Jr. - Retired in June of 2002, he was Pastor of St. Luke Community United Methodist Church in Dallas, TX, and Adjunct Professor of Preaching at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. A United Methodist, he has served as a district superintendent and is currently a member of the Judicial Council of The United Methodist Church. He is a former member of the Texas State legislature and author of *Encountering Jesus*. Dr. Holmes is the video host for DISCIPLE: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study.

Rabbi Stephen Fuchs - Senior rabbi, The Temple (Congregation Ohabai Shalom), Nashville, TN. Rabbi Fuchs has written numerous articles on interfaith relations and serves on the National Advisory Committee to the Department of Interreligious Affairs, Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Dr. William Willimon - Dean of the Chapel and Professor of Christian Ministry at Duke University. Dr. Willimon is a United Methodist minister and is in demand as a lecturer, preacher, and teacher. He is the author of numerous articles, curriculum resources, and books, including *Sighing for Eden*, *What's Right With the Church*, *The Laugh Shall Be First*, *Remember Who You Are: Baptism, a Model for Christian Life*, *Why Am I United Methodist* and co-author of *Rekindling the Flame* and *Resident Aliens*. Dr. Willimon serves on the Editorial Boards of *Quarterly Review*, *Christian Century*, *Pulpit Digest*, *Preaching*, and *The Wittenburg Door*.

Dr. James Fleming - Director of Biblical Resources Study Center in Jerusalem, Israel, an ecumenical organization serving Christians around the world. He is also founder of the World of the Bible Archaeological Museum and Pilgrim Center at Ein Karem, Jerusalem. He has lived and worked in Israel since 1974. Dr. Fleming, a graduate of Southwestern Theological Seminary, Forth Worth, Texas, has developed

courses of study in historical geography and biblical history, uniquely tying the studies with the biblical text and emphasizing the wedding of theological/faith relationships.

Rev. Walter Kimbrough - Pastor, Cascade United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA. He serves as national treasurer of the General Council on Ministries of The United Methodist Church and treasurer of Black Methodists for Church Renewal. He is on the executive committee for Africa University. He received the 1988 Denman Award for Excellence in Evangelism.

Dr. Bruce Birch - Professor of Old Testament, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC. A United Methodist minister, Dr. Birch is a contributor to numerous journals and periodicals. He has authored seven books, including *What Does the Lord Require?* and *Singing the Lord's Song*. He is one of the Old Testament editors for *The New Interpreter's Bible*.

Bishop Richard B. Wilke - Retired bishop of The United Methodist Church. He has served as pastor of rural, mission, university, and downtown churches in Kansas and has preached at many conference and national church events. A recipient of three honorary doctorate degrees, he is author of five books, including *Tell Me Again, I'm Listening* and *And Are We Yet Alive?* With his wife Julia K. Wilke, he is writer of the DISCIPLE study manuals.

Dr. Maxie D. Dunnam - President of Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. An ordained member of The United Methodist Church, he has served as Senior Pastor of Christ United Methodist Church of Memphis, TN, and as World Editor of *The Upper Room*. He is a member of the executive committee of the World Methodist Council and chair of World Evangelism. During his pastoral ministry, he planted three congregations. Dunnam is author of more than forty books.

Dr. Steven Plymale - Assistant professor, religious studies, Morningside College, Sioux City, IA. Dr. Plymale, a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, is the author of several articles and gives lectures on a variety of biblical topics. He is the founder, convener, and coordinator of Morningsiders for Peace and Justice.

Dr. James Charlesworth - George L. Collord Professor of New Testament Language and Literature, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ. Dr. Charlesworth, a United Methodist minister, is the author of *Jesus Within Judaism*, twenty other books and monographs, and has published over three hundred articles and reviews.

Bishop Hae-Jong Kim - Resident Bishop of the New York West Area. First Korean-American Bishop for The United Methodist Church, Dr. Kim has authored numerous articles, poems, hymns, meditations and books, including *Korean-American Ministries* and *Ten Ideas for Evangelism and Church Growth*.

Dr. Fernando Segovia - Professor of New Testament and early Christian literature, The Divinity School, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. A member of the Roman Catholic Church, Dr. Segovia is author of *The Farewell of the Word: The Johannine Call to Abide*. He is a contributor to *The New Interpreter's Bible*.

Dr. Jerry Mercer - Professor of preaching, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY. A minister of The United Methodist Church, Dr. Mercer, a frequent contributor to curriculum resources is author of *Cry Joy!* (a book on the Beatitudes) and *Scratchings on the Walls of My Prison Cell* (poetry) as well as scholarly articles.

Dr. Thomas E. Boomershine - Professor of New Testament and Director of Communication Ministries at United Theological Seminary, Dayton, OH. A United Methodist and elder in the West Ohio Conference, he has served as chief consultant for the multimedia translation project of the American Bible Society and co-executive producer of *Out of the Tombs*. He has served also as an inner-city pastor and as professor at New York Theological Seminary.

Bishop Mack Stokes - Retired bishop of the United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA. Bishop Stokes served as professor and associate dean at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA. His publications include *Major United Methodist Beliefs* (revised for its fifteenth printing) *Talking With God: A Guide to Prayer and Theology for Preaching*.

Dr. C. Clifton Black, II - Assistant professor of New Testament, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. A United Methodist minister, Dr. Black is the author of *The Disciples According to Mark: Markan Redaction in Current Debate* and numerous articles, booklets, and lectures.

Dr. Warren Carter - Associate Professor of New Testament, St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, MO. A native of New Zealand, he is the author of numerous articles, curriculum and homiletical resources, and three books, *What Are They Saying About Matthew's Sermon on the Mount?*, *Households and Discipleship: A Study of Matthew 19 - 20*, and *Matthew: Storyteller, Evangelist, Interpreter*.

Dr. Donald English - President of the British Methodist Conference, general secretary of home missions of The Methodist Church of Great Britain, and vice-chair of the World Methodist Council. Dr. English is the only person in modern times to be twice elected as president of the British Methodist Conference. He is author of *The Meaning of the Warmed Heart* and *Christian Discipleship: The Hard Way*.

Dr. Robert Jewett - Professor of New Testament at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, for twenty years, now serves as guest professor at the University of Heidelberg in Germany. He is author of many scholarly

articles and fifteen books, including Romans in the Cokesbury Basic Bible Commentary series, *Paul the Apostle to America:*

Cultural Trends and Pauline Scholarship, The Myth of the American Superhero, and Captain America in a Time of Jihad.

Dr. Karen Carter - Assistant professor of church history, Phillips Graduate Seminary, Enid, OK. She was the scriptwriter and narrator for the video series *Cloud of Witnesses* (The United Methodist Publishing House). She has also written curriculum resources for church school publications, The United Methodist Church.

Bishop Calvin McConnell - Retired bishop of The United Methodist Church. He has served as president of the General Commission on Religion and Race and on the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Bishop McConnell is a founding member of the Academy for Spiritual Formation.

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