

Class Schedule:

January 2012 — August, 2012

For the most up-to-date list of all classes at the Greater Boston Vineyard, visit us online at <http://www.bostonvineyard.org/classesprograms>.

CORE CLASSES:

Here at the Vineyard, we strongly believe that each attendee is meant to be a player, not just a spectator. Our core classes have been designed with just that in mind: to get you involved in doing the vision we feel called to as a church. These core classes balance vision, scriptural study, and practical application. We hope the classes will help you to fulfill your dreams in God.

VINEYARD 101: DISCOVERING VINEYARD: In this one-afternoon session, you'll learn about what it means to grow in involvement with the Vineyard—what you can hope for in terms of our support for your growth in God and in your calling, what our vision for our own growth and ministry is, how we came to be what we are today, our understanding of what God is doing in the world, and a bit about Vineyard churches in general. You'll also learn about the nature of membership here and have the opportunity to consider joining. Register at <http://www.bostonvineyard.org/registration>. *Prerequisites: None.*

Sunday, January 29, 2:00 – 5:30 pm

Sunday, March 4, 2:00 – 5:30 pm

Sunday, April 15, 2:00 – 5:30 pm

Sunday, June 10, 2:00 – 5:30 pm

Sunday, August 12, 2:00 – 5:30 pm

TRANSFORMATION WEEKEND: FINDING FREEDOM FROM PAST HURTS: We believe that Jesus can set us free from the past and empower us to live impossibly great lives in the present and the future! Through times of worship, teaching and prayer, participants (as well as their sponsors) experience more of Jesus' life-changing power at Transformation Weekend. Register at <http://www.bostonvineyard.org/registration>. *Prerequisites: Being part of a Small Group and finding a sponsor.*

Friday Evening, February 10 – Saturday Evening, February 11

VINEYARD 201: ESSENTIALS OF FOLLOWING JESUS: In these three sessions, through Bible study and discussion, we'll look at seven habits to making the most out of a life of following Jesus. 201 is also a prerequisite for leadership at the Vineyard. Register at <http://www.bostonvineyard.org/registration>. *Prerequisites: Vineyard 101.*

Sundays, March 11, March 18, and March 25, 2:00 – 4:30 pm

Tuesdays, August 14, August 21, and August 28, 7:00 – 9:30 pm

DISCOVERY WEEKEND: EXPLORING GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU: A central truth of the Bible is that God painstakingly made each of us for a purpose. He's given us spiritual gifts, desires, natural abilities, personalities and life experiences by design, that we would put these to use in ways that deeply fulfill us, glorify him and advance his work in the world. Do you have a sense of his purpose for you? This weekend is designed to help you recognize this purpose, to assist you in discovering what is often called God's "calling" for you. Through worship, teaching and a variety of exercises that combine personal reflection with group interaction and feedback, the weekend will offer you valuable tools and perspective for this discovery. In order to allow the benefits of the course to lead to more discovery beyond the weekend, participants who register with other Small Group members will be given priority. Register at <http://www.bostonvineyard.org/registration>. *Prerequisites: Being part of a Small Group.*

Friday Evening, May 4 – Saturday Evening, May 5

VINEYARD 301: SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING: As a church we believe that, in the end, every dream in God is a leadership dream. God has given every person a dream that can only come about as we learn to influence others towards the things of God. In this two-Saturday class you will learn more about helping others grow in their life with Jesus. You will learn what it means to effectively lead a Small Group of people in the purposes of God. This class combines a biblical study of leadership with practical methods of Small Group leading to help you turn your dream into a fleshed out reality. There is a \$30 charge for the course materials and lunch for each session. (Scholarships are available.) Register at <http://www.bostonvineyard.org/registration>. *Prerequisites: Vineyard 101, Vineyard 201, and being part of a Small Group*

Saturdays, March 10 and March 17, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

TOPICAL CLASSES: *We are pleased to offer some more focused classes in addition to our Core Classes. Many people at the Greater Boston Vineyard have found the following classes beneficial and enriching.*

BAPTISM CLASS & CELEBRATION: Baptisms are a public declaration of faith and—as the Bible seems to say and many in our church have experienced—a powerful spiritual transaction with God. Come to this class if you're interested in being baptized, or even just in learning more about what baptism means and how it relates to where you're at. Attending this class is required if you decide to be baptized at the Greater Boston Vineyard. Email questions to baptism@bostonvineyard.org. *Prerequisites: None.*

Sunday, February 12, 11:00 – 11:45 am, 1:00 – 1:45 pm, and 7:30 – 8:15 pm

(The Baptism Celebration is Sunday, February 26 at 2:00 pm)

Sunday, June 3, 11:00 – 11:45 am, 1:00 – 1:45 pm, and 7:30 – 8:15 pm

(The Baptism Celebration is Sunday, June 24 at 2:00 pm)

CHILD DEDICATION CLASS & CELEBRATION: The Greater Boston Vineyard periodically celebrates the births and arrivals of children with dedications of our kids into God's family. While we support individuals making their own choices about following Jesus, parents are welcome to celebrate and commit themselves to raising kids to know God's love within a supportive community. Attending this class is required before dedicating your child. *Prerequisites: None.*

Sunday, March 25, 11:15 am – 12:00 pm

(The Child Dedication Celebration is on Sunday, April 29 at the 9:30 am service.)

GETTING TO KNOW THE BIBLE: This three-session class will offer you knowledge, tools, and resources to bring you to a new level of familiarity with the Bible. Our hope is that as your familiarity with the Bible grows, so will your satisfaction in studying the Bible and your ability to apply it to your life. For more information, email bibleclass@bostonvineyard.org.

Sundays, February 12, February 19, and February 26, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD: If you're looking for more experiences of life-changing prayer, then consider attending a four-week class that will help you foster a more intimate connection with God. The class is run as a workshop with plenty of practical opportunities to learn how to hear and to discern God's voice. It will cover topics such as: Does God speak today? How does God speak to me? How do I know it's God speaking and not me? How to receive and interpret prayer-pictures and dreams? How can I hear God's voice for others? Register at <http://www.bostonvineyard.org/registration>. *Prerequisites: Vineyard 101 and Vineyard 201.*

Sundays, March 11, March 18, and March 25, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

THE MARRIAGE COURSE: The Marriage Course is a group of married couples who are newly married or who have been married for a number of years. The course offers a safe and practical opportunity to invest in your relationship. Couples attend together and hear talks from married couples on themes of marriage. While the content of the Marriage Course is based on principles from the Bible, people of all backgrounds are welcome. After each night's featured presentation, couples will talk privately and interact with other participants over the course exercises. It is not necessary to disclose personal information to the group at-large. There is no cost for the Marriage Course and dinner is potluck style.

For more information, email marriage@bostonvineyard.org. *Prerequisites: None.*

Thursdays, March 1 – April 19, 6:45 – 9:30 pm

PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT: Perspectives is a dynamic 15-week course which examines the biblical, historical, cultural and strategic dimensions of the world Christian movement. This class is a great place to explore what God's doing around the world today and where your own skills and passions can play a part! For more information, visit www.perspectives.org or email perspectives@bostonvineyard.org.

Tuesdays, January 24 – May 23, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

THE PREMARITAL COURSE: This 8-week course is open to couples who are engaged or dating and considering marriage. Couples hear talks on themes of marriage, participate in confidential small group discussions, and enjoy a full dinner together. While the content of the Marriage Course is based on principles from the Bible, people of all backgrounds are welcome. The cost of the materials is \$120 per couple which includes a full dinner. For more information, email marriage@bostonvineyard.org. *Prerequisites: None.*

Thursdays, February 23 – April 12, 7:00 – 9:30 pm

PUBLIC SPEAKING 101: Do you have an interest in any of our church's teaching ministries? Do you want to grow in public speaking for another arena you're already in? Would you like an opportunity to practice speaking for a group and receive helpful, supportive feedback? Required Reading: *The Quick & Easy Way to Effective Speaking* by Dale Carnegie. Register at <http://www.bostonvineyard.org/registration>. *Prerequisite: Vineyard 101.*

Wednesdays, May 9 – May 30, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

SEEK: Seek is a 10-week class for folks who are on the front-end of exploring questions of faith. If you're wondering how faith might play a role in your life, or curious about ideas such as prayer, communication with God, or how Jesus might fit into a faith journey, Seek is a great chance to search for answers in a group context. The style is informal and friendly, with lots of opportunity for questions and discussion. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in taking the course Email seek@bostonvineyard.org. *Prerequisites: None.*

Tuesdays, January 24 – March 27, 7:00 – 9:15 pm

Tuesdays, April 10 – June 12, 7:00 – 9:15 pm

SPIRIT AND POWER: Learn how to pray with more power and authority in the Holy Spirit. This one-day class combines teaching with practice and focuses on learning how to pray for physical healing, how to receive words of knowledge, and how to set people free from spiritual oppression. Spirit and Power is open to those who are brand-new to prayer ministry and to those who just want a refresher. Register at <http://www.bostonvineyard.org/registration>. *Prerequisites: Vineyard 101 and Vineyard 201.*

Saturday, March 24, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Wednesdays, May 2, May 9, and May 16, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

STUDYING THE BIBLE TOGETHER: The Bible boldly offers practical wisdom and spiritual power to people who read it. Sometimes, though, obtaining that wisdom and power is easier said than done. One great way to make the most of the Bible is to study it in-depth, with a group of people. Over the course of this year, we will be offering our weeknight Small Groups just such an experience. Brian Housman, author of our popular Leap of Faith Daily Bible Guides, will be facilitating four-week group Bible study experiences in which together we will learn to read a Bible passage, understand it, and apply it in practical, relevant, powerful ways to our lives. For more information, email bibleclass@bostonvineyard.org. *Prerequisites: Being part of a Small Group.*

Wednesdays, January 11, January 18, January 25, and February 1, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Thursdays, April 19, April 26, May 3, and May 10, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

WHY BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR? What does it truly mean to be part of a diverse, thriving community where people know and care for their neighbors and are excited to be there? This one-session class will explore why we think being a good neighbor is meaningful and important to our own growth and how our church is trying to be a good neighbor through Vineyard Community Offerings (VCO). The mission of VCO is to build diverse communities and develop youth into world leaders. Register at <http://www.bostonvineyard.org/registration>. *Prerequisites: None.*

Thursday, March 29, 7:00-9:30 pm