



A New Adult Education Class

Running from April — July
on Sunday Evenings

People know that at its core, Christianity has something good to offer the human race. At the same time, many have a sense that they are alone in being a "thinking" Christian and that "salvaging" Christianity is a hopeless task. What is needed is a safe environment where people have permission to ask the questions they've always wanted to ask but have been afraid to voice for fear of being thought a heretic.

Living the Questions is a 13-week DVD and web-based small group study exploring beyond the traditions and basics of our Christian faith so that we can move toward a deeper understanding of what it means to follow Jesus. First Congregational United Church of Christ and First United Methodist Church will offer the class beginning Sunday, April. 23 and ending Sunday, July 30 from 6—8:30 pm. (with some scheduled days off for holidays). The class will meet at First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson Street (on the corner of SW Jefferson & 18th). Parking in rear of church.

WEEKLY THEMES

- An Invitation to Journey - 4/23
- Thinking Theologically - 4/30
- Creativity and Stories of Creation - 5/7
- Restoring Relationships - 5/14
- Evil and a God of Love: The Place of Suffering - 5/21
- Intimacy with God - 6/4
- Social Justice and The Prophets - 6/11
- A Kingdom Without Walls: Ruth & Jonah - 6/18
- Lives of Jesus - 6/25
- Compassion: the Heart of Jesus' Ministry - 7/9
- A Passion for Christ: Paul the Apostle - 7/16
- Out into the World: Challenges Facing Progressive Christianity - 7/23

- Conclusion - 7/30

ONGOING THEMES WILL INCLUDE

- Biblical authority
- Metaphor and how it shapes us
- The Jesus/Christ dichotomy
- What does faith look like in the 21st Century?



Each class session will begin with a potluck dinner, followed by a DVD presentation, discussion, and fellowship. The sessions will be designed to encourage discussion around some of the most central—and sometimes difficult—issues of Christianity. Participants will discover that they will not agree with every concept considered in the course and that is perfectly ok. Every voice will be heard and respected. The sessions will be led by Chuck Currie, MDiv (May '06). The Rev. Dr. Arvin Luchs and The Rev. Dr. Pat Ross will also participate in some sessions. Each evening will end with a brief communion service to reinforce the idea that despite whatever theological differences we have that we are still one in Christ.

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