



WASHINGTON
NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

Take the journey together – Lenten Courses

Sign up for one of our new small group discussion offerings. Each course requires the purchase of reading materials; please purchase before the first class. Space is limited, so sign up early. See registration instructions below. Books will be available to purchase from the Cathedral Store in February.



L1: Simply Christian

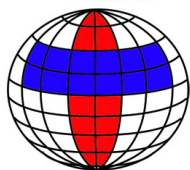
Facilitator:
Canon Jan Naylor Cope, Vicar

Six sessions; Mondays,
7-8:30 pm, 2/27-4/2

In *Simply Christian* author N.T. Wright offers a fresh presentation of the timeless truths of Christianity, making the case that faith is reasonable and rewarding for us today. Discussions will be based on readings and video presentations by Dr. Wright, one of today's best-known and most respected New Testament scholars and Christian speakers. We will cover the first ten chapters. Participants will need to purchase a copy of the book and a participant's guide/workbook.

Location: Cathedral College Common Room; limited to 30

Conversation
about Politics and
Christian Faith



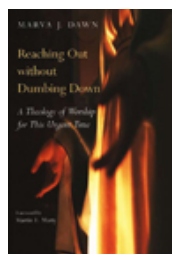
L2: Conversation about Politics and Christian Faith

Facilitator:
The Rev. Lyndon Shakespeare

Five sessions; Tuesdays,
7-9 pm, 2/28-3/27

The Sunday morning 10:10 series on *The State of Politics* continues with a reading and discussion group focused on how questions of political community, power, geography, and language are addressed with the resources of Christian thought. Readings from various thinkers will be examined alongside the assumptions and practices of modern politics.

Location: Cathedral College; limited to 15



L3: Cathedral Worship: Bridge between the World and God

Facilitator:
Canon Mary Sulerud

Four sessions; Wednesdays,
7-9 pm, 2/29, 3/7, 3/14, & 3/28

Our discussion series is based on Marva J. Dawn's book *Reaching Out without Dumbing Down*. First published in 1995, it is one of the first books to describe a theology of worship for the twenty-first century. Topics include: who is included at the table; what generations share and how they differ; God at the center of our life and worship; throwing the baby out with the bathwater, what's worth keeping and why; and discovering our place in the story and the action.

Location: member's home nearby; limited to 12



L4: Finding Our Way Again: The Return of Ancient Practices

Facilitator:
Tiffany Montavon, Coordinator,
Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage

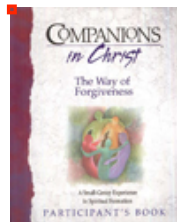
Section 1
Four sessions; Wednesday,
1-2 pm, 2/29, 3/14, 3/28, 4/4

Explore and reclaim practices from our Christian heritage that we share with our Jewish and Muslim neighbors, our "Abrahamic brothers and sisters." McLaren says, "I am convinced that Jesus didn't come to start a new religion; he came to proclaim a new kingdom." We will focus on spiritual practices that bring us closer to that new kingdom and that cleanse and enlighten us and bring us closer to God. As McLaren's book *Finding Our Way Again: The Return of Ancient Practices* signals, practices "help us find our way past the unsatisfactory alternatives of secularism, dangerous fundamentalism and mushy spirituality."

Section 2
Four sessions; Wednesday,
7-8:30 pm, 2/29, 3/14, 3/28, 4/4

Location: Section 1 meets in Cathedral Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage
Section 2 meets in Cathedral College. Each section limited to 15

L5: The Way of Forgiveness



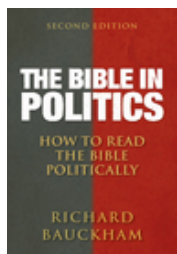
Facilitator:
The Rev. Gina Campbell

Eight sessions; Thursdays,
7-8:30 pm, 2/9 – 3/29

The Way of Forgiveness: Explore the call of Jesus to practice the way of forgiveness and reconciliation. Set in the context of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew 5-7, we will explore through Scripture, prayer, and conversation the challenge of practicing forgiveness in our own lives and relationships. Our time together will have two primary components: individual reading and daily exercises throughout the week and our weekly gathering for reflection. Because of the significance of building community in this gathering, it is preferred that no one miss more than one session during the 8 weeks. Participants need to order the workbook/journal for this class and be prepared to *complete assignments before each session*.

Location: Cathedral Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage; limited to 15

L6: Reading the Bible Politically



Facilitator:
Elizabeth Gardner, Cathedral
Seminarian

Five sessions; Sundays,
1-2:30 pm, 2/26-3/25

Join us as we use Richard Bauckham's second edition of *The Bible in Politics* (2011) to (re)read Bible passages using a distinctly political lens. Our goal will be to illuminate biblical messages while avoiding the easy entrapment of incorporating our own prejudices. Together we will learn how to read the Bible politically.

Location: College Common Room; limited to 15

Since space is limited, please make your choice early.

Registration begins on Monday, January 23. To enroll, please contact: Ellen Spencer at espencer@cathedral.org.

Include:

Name of course and course number _____

Your name _____

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