

# Questions Thinking People Have About Faith

Wednesday Nights at 6:45 p.m., Room 201

*Come To One or Come To All.*

*Each of the seven is an individual, self-contained study/discussion led by either Pastor Kevin or Vicar Ted.*

## **3/26 May I See Gray? Christ, Christians, and the Culture Wars**

The country is divided into two colors: red and blue. Which are you: red, blue, or maybe green? Sixty second sound bytes are meant to define and decide every issue for us. Take a side and get in their tidy little box. What's that? You don't fit? The combination of an election year plus the on-going culture wars seem perfectly designed to polarize the country even more. How does a Christian look to Scripture and the example of Jesus to navigate, respond Christianly, and make important decisions in a complex world?

## **4/2 How Do I Share my Faith before the Elevator Reaches the 12<sup>th</sup> floor?**

We seek to live the passionate life of Jesus, UP-IN-OUT. In our OUT relationship we deeply desire for others to know Jesus. Come explore 4 (or more) relevant, efficient (30 seconds or less), and functional approaches to sharing your faith before you reach the 12<sup>th</sup> floor. "What if the Holy Spirit worked through you to bring another to intimately know Jesus?" Just Imagine...

## **4/16 What Makes A Lutheran, Well, Lutheran?**

There are many denominations in Christendom and each one has something to offer the rest of the holy, "catholic" (universal) church! What, then, is distinctive and profitable for the church to receive from the Lutheran perspective? A study of some Lutheran distinctives.

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## **4/23 How Do I Explain the "Holy War" Incidents in the Old Testament?**

Christians struggle with Old Testament passages where God commands complete destruction of cities, towns, villages, especially when used by skeptics or enemies of the faith as reasons why religion, in general, and Christianity, in particular, is not good for society. Is there any apologetic or explanation for a Christian to share in such discussions?

## **4/30 What can I do? My faith does not feel exciting or strong.**

There are seasons where the excitement has worn off, seasons when you feel distant, and seasons we say, "I have tried everything. Is God even listening?" Are you currently in a rut or in a valley? Have you ever been there? Will you ever be there? Through God's Word and the experiences of fellow believers discover what can be done.

## **5/7 1 Roof and 2+ Views of God: What do I do?**

Does this describe your house? Does this describe your close family members? Sincerely, how are you doing? As passionate people of God what can we do through encouragement/support? God speaks clearly and intimately to you and your situation!

## **5/14 LIFE after Life: What actually happens after I die?**

God has given us the precious gift of Life on His earth. Sooner or later we will all face our last day here. What happens from that point forward? Where are our loved ones now? Do we have any misconceptions? Some choose to ignore these questions, others despair over them, and others find hope. What do we know? What don't we know? Discover God's Words of certainty!