

Experiencing God in the Bible: Bible Basics for Progressive Christians

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The nature of the Bible is so widely misunderstood today it's difficult for Progressive Christians to appreciate its crucial place in their lives. Understanding and practicing a few basics can make all the difference.

Q&A for Session 1

Name _____

Did you participate in a previous class I've led at FUMC?

- Marcus Borg, *The Heart of Christianity* 2005
- John Dominic Crossan DVD "Victory and Peace or Justice and Peace" 2007
- Crossan & Borg, *The Last Week* 2007
- Delwin Brown, *What Does a Progressive Christian Believe?* 2008 (Adult Forum - one session)
- Crossan, DVD "Paul, Appealing or Appalling" (20??)
- Crossan & Borg, "First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God" DVD course 2010
- Crossan, *The Greatest Prayer* 2013
- Crossan & Reed, *Excavating Jesus* 2013

Do you own a Bible? The translation? _____ A study Bible? Y N

At what stage(s) of your life has the Bible been important for you?

Childhood/Youth/Young Adult/Adult/Senior Adult (circle)

At what stage(s) of your life was there a major shift in your view of the Bible?

Childhood/Youth/Young Adult/Adult//Senior Adult (circle)

If so, from what view to another? _____

Have you tried reading the Bible, but eventually gave up? Y N

Why? _____

Have you had uncomfortable disagreements with family/friends about the Bible? Y N If so, have you felt ill-equipped to share how your view is different? Y N

Do you read the Bible and/or attend Bible studies regularly as part of your spiritual practice? Y N

Where/When/How do you most often experience the presence of God/the Divine?

Is the Bible high on your list of experiences? Y N Why do you think that is?

(If you've received this Q&A online, please send/give me a copy. It will help me lead the class. Thanks!)