

Experiencing God in the Bible: Bible Basics for Progressive Christians

A Discussion Class Led by The Rev. Keith Thompson - First UMC Boulder, Colorado

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.

Schedule

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| Feb. 23, 2015 | 1. Introduction; and Getting Acquainted (Participants & Leader) |
| March 2 | 2. A Quick Tour of the Books of the Bible; and Getting Acquainted (Participants & the God we meet in the Bible) |
| March 9 | 3. A Brief History of Christian Understandings of the Nature of the Bible |
| March 16 | 4. The Christian Norm of the Bible: (One "Reconstruction" of) the Historical Jesus |
| March 23 | 5. The Bible (as Understood by Progressives) and Science, Politics, Other Faiths |
| March 30 | 6. (Even Though Not Forever and Not For All) Separating the Wheat from the Chaff: One Progressive's Reimagining of the New Testament (especially the Gospels and Paul) and Key Parts of the Hebrew Scriptures |

The class will meet on the six Monday evenings shown above, 6:30-8:00 pm, Conference Room. If you can't take the class or have to miss some of the sessions, you'll be able to follow online with the weekly handout sheets available on Keith's website www.centristfaithandpolitics.com. There's a search box on the top right of the Home page. Just type in "Experiencing God" and click "4.16 Thompson (2015)" to go to the webpage devoted to this class. Once there follow the instructions to access the weekly handout sheets. On each of the six class session sheets there will be links to pages on the website for going deeper.

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