

Tracing the Invisible God: A Shared Faith for Jews and Christians

You are invited to our summer discussion group (no readings, no papers!!!) – just a time to get together in a relaxed atmosphere to discuss and share.

The topic is one very essential to spiritual direction – Who is God?

The source is the Christian Bible – asking the question “Is the God of the Old Testament one and the same with the God of the New Testament?”

The purpose is to understand better God as presented in the Bible

- to learn a bit more about the bible and scripture scholarship*
- to allow that learning to inform one’s own relationship with God*
- to be better prepared to be with others in spiritual direction*
- to spend some time sharing with one another.*

The atmosphere is relaxed and unhurried. We will begin with prayer. We will listen to a series of lectures given last fall by Fr. George Smiga. Fr. Smiga is a dynamic and engaging lecturer – his talks last fall were packed – standing room only! Each lasts about 50 minutes. Then we will discuss what was meaningful to us about the topic.

There is no need to attend every session. Should you miss one you can watch it on the website of the Theology and Religious Studies Department at JCU: www.jcu.edu/religion. Why come if I can watch it on the website? Well – the discussion and sharing is the important part!

Schedule

July 13 – Faith Works: The Power and Poverty of Religious Language

July 20 – Building a Portrait of God: The Jewish Achievement

******July 27 – Annual Celebration of the Feast of St. Ignatius: Prayer and Potluck******

August 3 – Jesus the Messiah: The Christian Addition

August 10 – Shifting the Context: Fault Lines in the New Testament

August 17 – Marring the Portrait: The First Heretic and His Legacy

August 24 – Restoring the Portrait: The Unconditional Faithfulness of God

Hope to see you this summer! Come and bring a friend – or two!!!

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