

The Emmaus Road Initiative

A Project of the Cornerstone Forum

A series of monthly faith-explorations for all those interested in deepening faith, bringing it to maturity and passing it on to the next generation.

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Pope Benedict XVI has written of the need “to reinvest with some concrete and particular meaning theological statements about the uniqueness and the absolute value of Christianity.” Christianity has always affirmed its uniqueness and absolute value, but it has only recently had to do so in the presence of countless people, cultures, and religious traditions, to many of whom Christian truth-claims seem both absurd and offensive. Embarrassed by this new situation, some Christians have chosen the line of least resistance, embracing a sentimental multiculturalism which is a very poor substitute for – and often a parody of – Christian catholicity.

If the rapid de-Christianization of Western culture is to be reversed and the unique, history-altering meaning of the Christian Gospel proclaimed afresh, we must learn to account for Christian truth in ways that are faithful to Church doctrine, intellectually cogent, morally rigorous, charitable, anthropologically inclusive, and courageously undeterred by the cynical spirit of the age. Then-Cardinal Ratzinger pointed the way to accomplishing this by suggesting that collaboration between theology and anthropology can lead to “the truly most exciting part of Christian faith.”

Drawing on both the rich theological tradition for which Benedict XVI is today's preeminent exponent and René Girard's extraordinary insights into the anthropological and cultural uniqueness of Christianity, the Emmaus Road Initiative is an effort to bring “the truly most exciting part of Christian faith” to bear on the challenges facing the Christian vocation in our time – remaining open as we do to the grace by which, in the words of Ronald Knox, “the water of conviction is changed into the wine of faith.”

Monthly Sessions on Monday evenings – 7:00 to 9:00

PART I: “ADAM, WHERE ARE YOU?”

SEPTEMBER 15: “The Present Time” – Its Peril and Its Promise

LOCATION: St. Paul's Catholic Church: 29 Auburn Street, Cambridge

OCTOBER 20: Why are we here? – Creation and Fall

LOCATION: St. Paul's Catholic Church: 29 Auburn Street, Cambridge

NOVEMBER 17: What is happening in history? – History and Hope

LOCATION: St. John the Evangelist, 2254 Mass Ave, Cambridge

PART II: “I WILL PLACE MY LAW WITHIN THEM, AND WRITE IT UPON THEIR HEARTS.”

JANUARY 19: Why did it take the Incarnation to save us?

LOCATION: St. Peter's Catholic Church, 100 Concord Ave. Cambridge

FEBRUARY 16: Why did it take the Crucifixion to save us?

MARCH 16: Why did it take the Resurrection to save us?

PART III: “I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.”

APRIL 20: From Self to Person: Toward a Sacramental Understanding of Who We Are

MAY 18: Easter in the “Meantime” – “Do this in remembrance of me.”

The presentations are made by Gil Bailie, noted author, lecturer, and president of The Cornerstone Forum.

There is no cost for participation in the series. At each monthly session complimentary CDs of prior sessions will be available.

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