



## Next “Living the Questions” Discussion Series Begins May 1<sup>st</sup> 2008

*We will be watching and discussing nine chapters from  
“Living the Questions II”*

People know that at its core, Christianity has something good to offer the human race. At the same time, many have a sense that they are alone in being a "thinking" Christian and that "salvaging" Christianity is a hopeless task. What is needed is a safe environment where people have permission to ask the questions they've always wanted to ask but have been afraid to voice for fear of being thought a heretic.

Living the Questions is a DVD and web-based small group study exploring beyond the traditions and rote theologies in which so many people and local churches seem to be stuck. Ideal for Christian invitation, initiation and spiritual formation, Living the Questions will help seekers and "church alumni/ae" alike in discovering the relevance of Christianity in the 21st Century and what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world.

Weekly sessions will include:

- participant and leader guides
- conversations with leading theologians, church leaders, sociologists and biblical scholars
- sermon and lecture clips
- digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith
- concrete spiritual practices (e.g., lectio divina, body prayer, journaling)
- spiritual disciplines (centering, openness, ...)
- suggestions for engagement in acts of social justice

*Plus:*

fresh, original jazz interpretations of classic hymns arranged by Barb Catlin  
other internet resources including a glossary of traditional theological ideas reinterpreted for the 21st Century  
"Living the Questions" can be utilized for discussion groups and various settings focused on spiritual development and exploration in general. Modelled on the Alpha Course format, "Living the Questions" is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers and instead strives to create an environment where participants can discuss the revolutionary re-visioning of Christianity already emerging in the world.

**The format** of each 2 hour session includes video, guided discussion, spiritual exercises and Bible study.  
We will meet over 9 weeks. (See schedule below)

You also will receive printed materials with further reading and discussion questions.  
Coffee, tea and light supper provided.

Cost for the series is \$25.00 to cover costs (or \$3 per session)

May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Sess 1	Sess 2	Sess 3	Sess 4	Sess 5	Sess 6	Sess 7	Sess 8	Sess 9
Taking the Bible Seriously	The Prophetic Jesus	The Myth of Redemptive Violence	Practicing Resurrection	Debunking the Rapture	Reclaiming the World	Incarnation: Divinely Human	Creative Transform- ation	Embracing Mystery

**Study will be held at West End Uniting Church, Corner Vulture and Sussex Streets (in church hall)**  
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