

Questioning Jesus

Lent 2019

Nassau Church



Small Groups
March 3 - April 11

During Lent this year, we will explore the questions people put to Jesus while he is on the way to Jerusalem (Luke 9:51-19:28). Join us Sunday mornings for Adult Education and Worship for further perspectives on these passages. Be linked in for Lent.

In the Gospel of Luke the evangelist gives us a rich and lengthy account of Jesus and his disciples making their way to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration, during which Jesus will be arrested and crucified. One of the recurring themes of this so-called “travel narrative” is Jesus responding to questions that are put to him by various figures in the story--his disciples, members of the crowd that is often gathered around him, and even his dear friends.

Small Groups will focus on these texts in a way that encourages participants to reflect deeply and personally upon them and even to wrestle with them. The goal is to engage the text each week in a way that shapes and nurtures our own faith in the safe, welcoming context of a small group. How does Jesus respond to hard questions from his community? Come learn the questions, wrestle with the answers and build relationships in our community.

Groups meet weekly for six weeks between

Sunday, March 3 and Thursday, April 11.

Sign up during Fellowship or on My Nassau.

Sundays 6:00–7:30PM

Room 202, Nassau Church
Mani Pulimood, leader

Mani has been worshipping at Nassau Church for the last 10 years with his wife, Monisha, and two sons, Nikhil and Philip. He has authored a book, Spiritual Dimensions—Musings on Life and Faith. One of his favorite ministries is online evangelism. You can find him on Twitter: @ManiPulimood

Mondays 12:00–1:00PM

Berg Home, Princeton
Corrie Berg, leader
Soup & Bread provided

Corrie Berg is Director of Children's and Family Ministries at Nassau Presbyterian Church. Before joining the staff in 2010, Corrie's volunteer service to the congregation included moderating the Children's and Family Ministry Committee and serving as a member of the Master Plan Task Force.

Mondays 7:30–9:00PM

Wehrheim Home, Skillman
Carol Wehrheim, leader

Carol Wehrheim, a writer and Christian Education consultant, finds that Lenten small groups deepen her own prayer life and her connection to her church community.

Tuesdays 7:00–8:30PM

Princeton Theological Seminary Library
Jim & Cynthia Moorhead, leaders

Cynthia, a long time member of Nassau church, has taught 3 and 4 year olds for many years in both the Dietrich Johnson Nursery School and on Sunday morning during the church school hour. She is a mother and a grandmother.

Jim, an ordained minister, is also a long time participant in the life of Nassau. Now retired, he taught American church history at Princeton Seminary.



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Hage Home, Princeton
Jade Hage, leader

Jade has been grateful to call Princeton her home for the past year and a half. During the week she spends her days teaching the greatest hits of English literature at Princeton International School of Math and Science, and on Sunday mornings you can find her in the choir loft. Participating in small groups has helped shape Nassau as Jade's home away from home, and she is thrilled to be taking on a new role as facilitator.

Wednesdays 7:00–8:30PM

Princeton Theological Seminary Library
Tom Coogan, leader

Tom Coogan has been a member of Nassau Church for 10 years. He has participated as a ruling elder, a member of the Adult Education Committee and the Stewardship Committee, as a Confirmation mentor, and on the now-defunct softball team, "The Committee."

Thursdays, 7:30–9:00PM

Princeton Theological Seminary Library
John Parker & Jeff Kuhn, leaders

John Parker is a writer by trade and a long-time member and current Ruling Elder of Nassau Church.

Jeff Kuhn is a deacon and has been a member of Nassau Church since 2008. After having participated in a number of small groups, this is his first time as a co-leader.

“Don’t be conformed to the patterns of this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your minds.” Romans 12:2

PHOTOGRAPHING QUESTIONS

Thursdays 7:30–9:00PM

Conference Room, Nassau Church
Ned Walthall, leader

This Spring Sacred Art will use photography to imagine how the questions posed to Jesus in Luke and his responses to them impact our own lives. There will be a field trip, a movie night, and other larks.

No special equipment or skill is required: only imagination and a willingness to have some fun.

Ned Walthall has been a member of Nassau Church since 1987. He is a Deacon and has led these small groups on the Sacred Art of Photography since 2016.



CONNECTING WITH SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sundays 9:30-10:15AM

March 10 - April 14, Assembly Room

Shane Berg, leader

Join us for study and discussion of texts from the Gospel of Luke in which Jesus responds to questions from his followers and those he meets as he makes his way to Jerusalem. Some of the questions are personal and existential while others are intended to trip Jesus up. We'll explore how Jesus teaches, challenges, and comforts in his answers. The adult education class will allow for a deeper dive into the historical, social, and theological context of these passages in the Gospel of Luke. Small groups will be studying these same texts from a more personal and contemplative point of view, and Pastor Davis will preach these texts during Lent.

Shane Berg, Vice President of Communication and External Relations at Princeton Theological Seminary, earned his M.Div. degree from there and his PhD in New Testament and Ancient Christianity from Yale University. In his teaching and research, Dr. Berg strives to read the New Testament faithfully and well by paying special attention to its context in ancient Jewish thought and culture.

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