

Adult Sunday School

Winter 2021

A Renewing of the Mind



Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

March 6 and 13

Christianity and Money



Speaker:
Dr. Walter Sundberg
Professor of Church History, Emeritus Luther Seminary and a member of Salem.

This series will look at what the New Testament has to say about stewardship in support of the mission of the church. Especially important is Paul's effort to collect money for the struggling church in Jerusalem. Money has always been a difficult issue for Christians. The New Testament reflects this difficulty as it tells the story of real men and women seeking to follow Christ and the will of God while still living their daily lives, raising families, trying to make ends meet. We can learn much from these early Christians as we seek to live faithfully today.

Speaker Bio:

"I am a storyteller. The history of the church is filled with stories of faith that inspire us today."

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January 9-30

Archeology and the Bible: Physical Evidence About Events Described in God's Word

Speaker: Dr. Boyd Seevers

Professor of Old Testament Studies
University of Northwestern, St. Paul



Our sessions will explain what archaeology is, what it can and cannot tell us about biblical people and events, and will touch on recent discoveries about the Israelite Tabernacle, a village from the time of Judges, and how ancient

information about slinging illuminates the story of David and Goliath.

Speaker Bio:

Boyd has taught classes on the Old Testament and the biblical world at University of Northwestern for more than 20 years. Before that, he and his family lived in Israel for eight years. Boyd has done archaeological excavations at five biblical sites in Israel and continues that work with students and interested volunteers each summer. He has published and presented numerous articles and papers on relevant archaeological finds.

February 6-20

Covenant and Community Israel's Foundational Story

Speaker:

Rev. Dr. Kathryn Schifferdecker

Professor and Chair of Old Testament
Chair of the Bible Division, Luther Seminary



We will explore a few foundational stories from the first five books of the Old Testament. We will consider the covenant God made with Abraham and how that covenant was lived out in the lives of his descendants, especially

Jacob and Joseph. We will explore how that covenant shaped the lives of the Israelites, called out of slavery in Egypt to be “a priestly kingdom and a holy nation” (Ex. 19:6). These people, flawed as they were, can teach us much about what it means to live as God’s people.

Speaker Bio:

Kathryn Schifferdecker is a frequent contributor to WorkingPreacher.org. She co-hosts the podcast, *Everything You Wanted to Know About the Bible but Were Afraid to Ask* at Enterthebible.org.

February 27

Opportunities and Challenges for Christian Higher Education

Speaker:

Dr. Alan S. Cureton

President
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In recent years, the challenges facing institutions of higher education that hold firm to a Christ-centered mission are immense. Pandemic demands and mandates, rising cost of tuition, declining high school student population, diminishing perceived value of the importance of a college degree, and lack of biblical literacy are some of the challenges facing Christian higher education.

Yet, why is the interest and demand to engage with these institutions increasing? Why are some Christ-centered institutions thriving during these days of uncertainty and discouragement while other private, historically church-related institutions struggle to sustain existence? Dr. Cureton, will share his views and thoughts.