# May 8-May 22 Becoming Amoral Christians: Human Freedom According to Genesis

Joel Lawrence

In this series, we will discuss what it means for humans to be free according to the foundational stories of Genesis 1-4. As we do this, we will question the generally accepted idea that Christianity is a moral system, in which humans are created by God to act according to our knowledge of right and wrong. Instead, we will see that this knowledge is, in fact, the content of our sinful rebellion, a Biblical teaching that fundamentally changes our understanding of God's creation of us to be free. This understanding will then help us to see the nature of the church's mission in the world as those who are freed from morality in order to be a righteous presence on earth.



Faith 20/20 is a fresh venue for learning, connection, and transformation.
Each session opens space to connect with others around focused, well-presented, actionable topics aimed at answering the question,
"How can we flourish in our faith together?"

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# January 9-January 30 Seeing The Creation Without Words: Visual Literacy as Praise

#### Wayne Roosa

Christians, especially Protestants, read the Word deeply, living by words and Spirit. But there is, in fact another language God used to make the world and bear witness to his majesty. Psalm 19 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; . . . they reveal knowledge. [Yet] they have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them." This series explores the visual language of art and nature, and how its embodied truths enrich faith.

# February 6-February 27 A Scandalous List: The Bible's Table of Contents

#### Ben Rhodes

There's been a lot written in the last several years about the books of the Bible being straight-up forgeries, the text being manipulated, or books being deleted. All of these are true, from a certain point of view, which raises the question, "How can we trust it as scripture?" Join us as we discuss the messy formation of the Bible's table of contents, and what that means for the Christian faith.

### March 6-27 Jonah: Beyond the Belly

### Laura Kozamchak

For many of us, the book of Jonah conjures early childhood stories about this rogue prophet's unhappy experience "in the belly of the whale." In this four-week series, we will consider that aspect of the story along with the entire message of this gem of an Old Testament book as we explore it from literary, canonical, and missional perspectives. Gathering as God's people, we will aim to discern and apply God's word to us for today, as we study this ancient literary masterpiece together.



### April 3 Nature-Based Connectedness

#### Betsy Mevissen

The natural world is one of God's gifts to help regulate and model holistic wellbeing. With growing evidence in physical and psychological research, we will discuss embodiment and the importance of intentional exposure to nature in an increasingly isolated world.

## April 10 Habits That Can Change Our Lives

#### Pastor Mark Pattie

How do we create new habits and change old ones so that we can better grow as the people God is calling us to be, the people we long to be? The challenge of change is not typically a lack of knowing what is good for us, but the seeming inability to apply what is good on a consistent basis into our lives.

This class will invite participants to consider specific action steps we can take to create habits that foster spiritual health and modify those that inhibit it.

## April 24-May 1 When Souls Come of Age

### Pastor Jonna Fantz

One way to understand the spiritual journey is through the stages-of-development lens. Come, explore different seasons in the spiritual life and the deep and valuable work that goes on at each stage as we grow-up in our inner lives.

