

# 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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September 15–29

## ***“Where Does it Hurt?” and the Prophetic Imagination***

**Speaker:**  
Kirk Livingston

The pain you feel may be a window into where God is working. How can we cultivate a “prophetic imagination” that becomes conscious of God’s long-term acts rather than today’s crisis? Join us as we ask what a prophetic imagination is, how to develop it, then how to apply it to the laments we feel keenly.

October 6–13

## ***Science, Technology, and Society***

**Speaker:**  
Dr. Nathan Lindquist

Ideally, science is the neutral pursuit of facts about how the world works and technology is just a neutral tool. But what influence does “neutral” science and technology have on culture and society? And what about faith? Come join a discussion that will cover a range of scientific and technological topics and their impact on society and faith.

October 20–November 10

## ***Hope and Contextualized Anxiety***

**Speakers:**  
Laura Mortenson, LICSW and  
Dr. Ben Rhodes

Does anxiety serve a purpose? How do we know when we are being warned about potential dangers versus becoming paralyzed by fear that moves us from trusting in God’s sovereignty and into over-reaction, inaction and perhaps into a state of hopelessness? Join us as we delve into the theological and psychological elements of anxiety and hope.

November 17–December 8

## ***Caring for Creation***

**Speaker:**  
Dr. Dale Gentry, former Professor of Biology at the University of Northwestern and Director of Conservation, Audubon Upper Mississippi River

The stewardship of God’s creation is found throughout the Old and New Testament scriptures, yet the topic has caused confusion and division in modern disciples as we seek an authentically Christian

approach to environmental care. Join us to explore the Biblical content and modern application of the instructions we find on the first page of the Bible to reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.

December 15

## ***Trust Within the Faith Community***

**Speaker:**  
Laura Mortenson, LICSW

Trust is vital in interpersonal and community relationships and is also incredibly complex. Most of us can state that we trust God and his sovereignty, but how do we trust each other when we are surrounded by voices (and experiences) telling us otherwise? Is it possible to recover from broken trust? Are some in the church body automatically trusted because of position, and is this right? Come with an openness to wrestle with these and other questions together.