

Qu'Appelle School for Mission and Ministry

*Big Questions of our Faith Series*

## **What about God ?**

A class in basic theology taught by Rev. Dell Bornowsky.

**Wednesday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

This class intends to “wade into” the understanding of God presented in the Bible and respond to a few perennial and practical questions about the nature of God. Our understanding will be enhanced by also “dipping our toes” briefly into elementary philosophy and various other religious views of God.

The type of questions encountered include:

- Why do we think there is God? If God exists why isn't God plainly perceived by everyone?
- Does everyone who believes in a god believe in the same god?
- How does our understanding of God relate to a scientific understanding of origins?
- Can we reconcile apparently conflicting portrayals of God in the Bible? (i.e. Does a jealous demand for worship contradict dignified graciousness)
- What does it mean that humans are “in God's image”?
- If God is good and loving what is suffering and hell about?

***This class will be offered on Zoom.***

***There is no set cost but a donation may be made to the Qu'Appelle School.***

***Contact Archdeacon Catherine for details.***

*Other topics to be addressed in subsequent weeks include:*

## **JESUS**

Who is **Jesus**? Why is **Jesus** called Jesus Christ? Why did **Jesus** come to earth? What did he really do?

## **HOLY SPIRIT**

Who or what is the **Holy Spirit**? Is the Holy Spirit God? Do I have spiritual gifts?

## **BIBLE**

Do we have to take the **bible** literally? Why are there contradictions in the **bible**?  
How do I know the bible is true? How can I trust what it says?  
Do we still need the Old Testament?

## **BIBLE AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

What does the bible say about being human?  
Is the body different from the soul? Is the soul the same as the spirit?  
What is biblical psychology?

## **CHURCH**, The

What is the **church**? What is the purpose of the **church**? What is the work of the **church** in the world?  
Why are there so many **denominations**? We are Anglicans, so why do we say we believe in the catholic church?

## **SACRAMENTS**, The

Is being baptized really important? Does being baptized affect our ongoing life?  
What is the significance of the Eucharist? Is it the same as Holy Communion?

## **CHRISTIAN LIFE**

I am a good person so how can I be a sinner? What is **sin**? Do I need **forgiveness** from God?  
Is there a normative **Christian life**?  
Do we still need to follow the **10 Commandments**?

## **PRAYER**

If God knows everything why do we need to **pray**?

Why did Jesus say whatever we ask the Father in his name, he will give us (Jn 16:23), and then God doesn't give us what we ask for? What did Jesus mean?

Does God always answer **prayer**?

## **SPIRITUALITY**, General

What do we mean when we talk about '**spiritual disciplines**'?

Angels are popular in modern culture. Do they really exist?

Are there really demons? Is there a real **devil**?

## **SPIRITUALITY**, Indigenous

I need help understanding indigenous spirituality. What is indigenous spirituality?

What are the main beliefs and values of indigenous spirituality?

What are some of the traditional spiritual practices?

These sessions will be led by a variety of instructors including Rev. Dell Bornowsky, Rev. Dr. Dean Pinter, Rev. Nancy Yee

To register or for more information, contact Archdeacon Catherine at [archdeacon.catherine@sasktel.net](mailto:archdeacon.catherine@sasktel.net) or phone 306 570 8837.

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