Reading Karl Barth: Theology That Cuts Both Ways
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Karl Barth was a Swiss Reformed theologian during WWII and was part of the Confessing Church movement. Barth occupies an interesting place in the landscape of modern theology. He is neither conservative nor progressive, yet least of all middle-of-the-road! Put differently, he is too conservative for progressives and too progressive for conservatives but is in no sense a centrist. Similarly, his theology is distinctively Reformed and yet he can disagree with Reformed theologians while agreeing with theologians in other traditions with a refreshing ecumenical freedom. For Barth, the theological task is to witness the radical, unequivocal goodness of the gospel news regardless of the implications for our perceived denominational and/or theological bona fides in whatever contexts we happen to find ourselves.

In this four session study, we will use the book Reading Karl Barth: Theology That Cuts Both Ways, as a resource for (a) understanding Barth’s theology—what he is doing and why—and where and how this locates him in the theological and denominational spectrums of his own time and of ours; and (b) recognizing what is at stake in those theological and denominational spectrums, and our own location within them—why we are located where we are in the diverse Christian landscape, and whether that is in fact where we want to be. Could anything be more fun?!

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Limit: 12 participants (you must attend all four sessions)

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