

**Lent Midweek Bible Study: Questioning Jesus**  
**with Rev. Dr. William Summerhill**  
**Weds, Feb 18-April 1 | 10:00am (McCollum Room)**

Is faith measured in the certainty of our answers to life's biggest mysteries, or in the honesty of the questions we ask ourselves about the nature of God and the meaning of our existence? I, for one, believe that what we ask and how we search says more about our faith than any confessions of belief may fully measure. That is why I'd like to invite you to join me as I explore my own faith inquiries in a seven-week Lenten Bible Study that I'm calling: "**Questioning Jesus**." The title captures two different aspects of our spiritual searching: those questions we ask about the person and nature of Jesus the Christ, and those questions that Jesus is remembered to have asked people like us in the gospels. Meeting in the McCollom Room each Wednesday morning (10:00-11:15am) during Lent, "Questioning Jesus" will follow this general syllabus of lessons:

- February 18: "*Who Do People Say I Am?*" -- the question of **epistemology** and the historical validity of Jesus of Nazareth
- February 25: "*Why Do You Call Me Good?*"--the question **theology** and Jesus' relationship with God
- March 4: "*What Does the Law Say?*" --the question of **morality** as mediated through Divine command
- March 11: "*What Does it Profit a Man...?*" -- the question of salvation (**soteriology**) in view of biblical understandings of our mortality (**eschatology**)
- March 18: "*Why Do You Speak in Parables?*" --the question of Jesus' ministry (**christology**) within the spiritual and political beliefs of his time
- March 25: "*Why Have You Forsaken Me?*" --the question of evil and suffering (**theodicy**), and God's role in permitting it
- April 1: "*Who Do YOU Say I Am?*" --the question of the nature and mission of the Church (**ecclesiology**) in its proclamation of the Christ

Whenever Christians come together to ask such questions and reflect on how we might give answer, our faith is stretched and strengthened, both intellectually and spiritually. I do hope that many of you will accept that challenge and take advantage of this opportunity to reflect and to grow in faith. If you can't commit to the entire seven sessions, please feel invited to come to as many or as few as your schedule permits. I look forward to seeing you in what I trust will be a most inspirational and challenging study opportunity at Montview.