READING THE BIBLE: With Tom Brewer

Winter Session, January 8, 22 & 29; February 5, 12 & 26 (Mondays 7 – 9 p.m.) Room S-150

REALITY BITES: Biblical Answers to Your Gnawing Questions

Reader's Guide: The date, theme and scripture references for each class session are provided to encourage you to do a careful pre-reading of the texts before the class presentation.

January 8 **QUESTION: "*Does God exist? Is there evidence for the existence of God?*"**

- Scripture assumes God is — Gen. 1:1; Ex. 3:14,15; Ps. 90; Isa.46:9
- Is God your God? — Isa. 40:9-31
- Deny and dismiss God — Ps. 14:1-3; Rom. 1:28, 3:10-18

January 15 **NO CLASS: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**

January 22 **QUESTION: "*How do I know/learn anything about God?"***

- God's self- revelation — Isa. 46:9,10; Rom. 1:18-20
- God is incomprehensible — Isa. 40:12-26; Job 11:7;
- God is knowable — Jn. 14:5-11, 17:3; 1 Jn. 5:20

January 29 **QUESTION: "*How can I know what is true or good or right?"***

- "What is truth?" — Jn. 18:33-38; 14:6
- What does "good" mean? — Lk. 18:19; Ps. 34:8
- Objective truth & goodness — Ex. 20:1-17

February 5 **QUESTION: "*What is evil and what is its source?*"**

- Evil defined — Gen. 2:9; Ps. 51:4
- Presence of evil — Ecc. 4:1-3; Hab. 1:2-4; Ps. 83:1-2; Rom. 11:33-34
- Evil personified — Isa. 14:12-14; Ezk. 28:15-17

February 12 **QUESTION: *"What is "free will" and what is "God's will"?***

- Human nature & "free will" — Jer. 17:9; Rom. 8:6-7;
- God's effective call — Eph. 1:4-14; Rom. 9:6-24
- Our responsible answer — Deut. 30:19,20; Rom, 10:12,13: 2 Pet. 1:3-11;

February 19 **NO CLASS: President's Day Holiday**

February 26 **QUESTION: "*How is the Bible relevant to me ?"***

- The Bible's internal witness — Ps. 119; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21
- Custodian Faith Communities — Ex. 17:14, 24:4; 1 Cor. 10:11-13
- God's Word to YOU! — Ps. 119:11, 97-105; Heb. 4:12-13