

PRACTICING THE FAITH

A Journey into the Gospel of Compassion and Justice

An educational adventure beginning the Fall of 2008

Cost is \$40

Course Description

26 weekly sessions (two 13 week semesters) exploring the call to “do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.” This class is for those who are open to probing questions, lively discussion, new learning and positive action. Our focus will relate to relationships with God, with creation and with others. Sessions will include Bible study, lectures, videos, reading assignments, community building, prayer, field trips, music and fun. Questions will be more important than answers, transformation more important than knowledge.

Course Direction

Questions that will engage us include: How can we be agents for God's compassion and justice in a broken world? Who is our neighbor that Jesus asks us to love? How does one handle ambiguity and conflict in the search for God's will? Why is it important to move from charity to justice? What are the consequences? What does scripture teach us about compassion, justice, peace, and poverty? Who/what influences the development of a social conscience? What is the role of contemplation, worship and celebration in this journey?

Course Details

Each session will be 90 minutes long. Regular (not perfect) attendance is expected. There are no prerequisites. Church affiliation is not necessary. Childcare will be provided if requested. The course is open to adults and college-age youth. A nominal fee of \$ 40.00 (\$50 for a couple) will cover cost of materials for the 26 weeks. A class of 15-20 participants is our goal. Classes will be held on **Tuesday** evenings at San Marcos Lutheran, 3419 Grand Ave. San Marcos, First semester begins Sept. 9, Second semester Jan. 6.

*George S. Johnson, author of, **Beyond Guilt**, will be the teacher
George was the Director of the Hunger Program for the ALC.*

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