

# FRIDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Fridays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in the Parlor

## **STARS BENEATH US:**

***Finding God in the Evolving Cosmos***  
by  
Paul Wallace

September 8

- Introduction*  
- *Is This What Love Looks Like?*  
- *Obsolete Cosmos, Obsolete God*

September 15

- *The Fifth Dentist*  
- *An Ash Heap with a View*

September 22

- *Two-by-Two Came the Epidexipteryxes  
and Vulcanodons*  
- *The Darkness of God*

September 29

- *Learning to Love Leviathan*  
- *Jesus Evolves*

October 6

- *The Whirlwind Principle*  
- *Coming Home*

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## **HOW JESUS SAVES THE WORLD FROM US**

by  
Morgan Guyton

October 13

- Introduction*  
- *Worship, Not Performance:*  
*How We Love God*  
- *Mercy, Not Sacrifice:*  
*How We Love People*

October 20

- *Empty, Not Clean:*  
*How We Gain Pure Hearts*  
- *Breath, Not Meat:*  
*How We Gain Holy Bodies*

October 27

- *Honor, Not Terror:*  
*How We Live by Truth*  
- *Poetry, Not Math:*  
*How We Read the Bible*

November 3

- *Communion, Not Correctness:*  
*How We Teach Doctrine*  
- *Temple, Not Program:*  
*How We Use Sacred Space and Time*

November 10

- *Solidarity, Not Sanctimony:*  
*How We Respond to Sin*  
- *Outsiders, Not Insiders:*  
*How We Take Sides in Conflict*

November 17

- *Servanthood, Not Leadership:*  
*How We Follow Our Shepherd*  
- *Kingdom, Not Stadium:*  
*How We Grow as the Body of Christ*  
*Conclusion*

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## **“THE SOUL IN PARAPHRASE:”**

***Some Thoughts on Religion and Poetry***

Guest Presenter: Dr. William Coulter

January 5

- *Poetry, the poetic impulse, and how it  
relates to the religious impulse*  
*Case studies: Cædmon’s hymn and  
Luther’s Ein feste Burg*

January 12

- *Main sources of our hymnody:  
the Latin tradition; Reformation  
Germany; others*

January 19

- *Seventeenth century English devotional  
poetry – George Herbert and John  
Donne*

January 26

- *Twentieth century devotional poetry –  
T. S. Eliot's "Little Gidding"*

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## **HOW TO READ THE BIBLE AND STILL BE A CHRISTIAN**

by  
John Dominic Crossan

February 2

### **PART I: CHALLENGE**

- *Ending: A Hymn to a Savage God?*
- *Centering: The Meaning in the Middle?*

February 9

### **PART II: CIVILIZATION**

- *Conscience*
- *Violence*

February 16

### **PART III: COVENANT**

- *Creation and Covenant*
- *Blessing and Curse*

February 23

- *Prophecy and Prayer*
- *Wisdom and Kingdom*

March 2

### **PART IV: COMMUNITY**

- *Israel and the Challenge of Rome*
- *Jesus and the Radicality of God*

March 9

- *Christ and the Normalcy of Civilization*
- *Rome and the Challenge of Caesar*

March 16

- *Paul and the Radicality of Christ*
- *Paul and the Normalcy of Empire*
- *Epilogue: To Outsoar the Shadow of Our  
Night*