

## Life Together Spring 2017

### *Epistle to Diognetus*

Life Together is both a class and a community. (Think seminary meets summer camp.) We will explore things that truly matter while getting to know one another on a level that goes beyond a smile and nod between services.

#### **SCHEDULE for SPRING 2017**

January 8th: What is the Epistle to Diognetus and why should I read it?

January 15th: Three Questions (Diognetus 1)

January 22nd: You Are What You Worship (Diognetus 2)

January 29th: Christianity and Judaism (Diognetus 3 & 4)

February 5th: You are not an American Christian (Diognetus 5:1-4)

#### **February 12th: Chili Cook-off**

February 19th: Citizens and Foreigners (Diognetus 5:5)

February 26th: Let's talk about Sex ... ual Ethics (Diognetus 5:6-8)

March 5th: Christians are above the Law? (Diognetus 5:9-13)

March 12th: Repay Evil with Good (Diognetus 5:14-17)

March 19th: You are the Soul of the World (Diognetus 6)

March 26th: Revelation (Diognetus 7 & 8)

April 2nd: O Sweet Exchange (Diognetus 9)

April 9th: Becoming Disciples (Diognetus 10 & 11)

April 23rd: The Tree of Knowledge (Diognetus 12)

April 30th: Diognetus and You

#### **May 7th: Brunch Party**

#### **READING for JANUARY 15th**

*Diognetus 1*

Diog. 1:1 Since I see, most excellent Diognetus, that you are extremely interested in learning about the religion of the Christians and are asking very clear and careful questions about them—specifically, what God they believe in and how they worship him, so that they all disregard the world and despise death, neither recognizing those who are considered to be gods by the Greeks nor observing the superstition of the Jews; what is the nature of the heartfelt love they have for one another; and why this new race or way of life has come into the world we live in now and not before— 2 I gladly welcome this interest of yours, and I ask God, who empowers us both to speak and to listen, that I may be enabled to speak in such a way that you will derive the greatest possible benefit from listening, and that you may listen in such a way that the speaker will have no regrets.

#### **Questions as you Read and Annotate**

What is the author's purpose for writing this letter?

What in this reading surprises you?

What are the three questions being asked by Diognetus?

Holler at us any time!

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