

Fear of the Other: January 16th- April 10th

Location: Room 30

Facilitated by: Kevin Ward

Book: "Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love" by William Willimon

Book Cost: \$10.00

Class Description: What do an atheist, a millennial, a Jew, and an immigrant all have in common? No this isn't the start of a bad off-color joke, these are all folks that have been marginalized as "the other" by the protestant church in America. In this class, we will spend 5 weeks looking at Will Willimon's book "Fear of the other: No Fear in Love." You will have some reading to do to prepare for the class in the first 5 classes, but the remaining classes will be spent practicing the spiritual practice of "listening." We will have guest speakers who are often considered "the other" coming in to share their story. Each speaker is being asked to share the same 3 things: 1. Tell us your story/faith journey, 2. How has your interactions with the church (both good and bad) shaped your faith journey, and 3. If you could tell the protestant church one thing, what would it be? These nights will be focused on listening and learning from "the other." If the guest speaker is comfortable fielding questions, we will have a question and answer time, if not, we will just have a little time for sharing and reflecting after each story is shared.

Love Heals: January 16th-April 10th

Location: Room 29

Facilitated by: Gayle Smith

Book: "Love Heals" by Becca Stevens

Book Cost: \$13.00

Class Description: We all have a story. Whether written from the hardships of deep wounds, grief, or longing for justice, yours can overflow with hope.

IN Love Heals, you'll find principles that have transformed lives. Each chapter brings encouragement and practical steps for anyone going through a difficult season or searching for a deeper faith.

Healing is about finding our way to wholeness. Healing can and end with God, so this life is a discovery of how love heals us along the way. Everyone could use more healing in their lives. We could all use some space to dream about what healing might look like for us. Healing may mean finding peace after trauma, feeling hope in the midst of grief, transforming brokenness into compassion can help bring healing love to yourself and others.

Where do you need healing? What does that healing look like to you? How does love heal?

In this class, you will come together with others to have discussions about love, healing, and God. You will have a little bit of reading to do in preparation for each week of the study, but what you put into this study, you will get in return ten-fold! You can get a book the first week of class and will also need to bring some type of journal for you to spend some time writing.