

Sinners in the Hands of a Loving God: The Scandalous Truth of the Very Good News

Lenten Wednesday Nights Together
Lenten Soup Supper 5:30 pm - Lenten Study/Discussion 6:15 pm
February 21 & 28 and March 7, 14, & 21

Each Wednesday in Lent we will gather for a meal followed by a study/discussion of Brian Zahnd's book "Sinners in the Hands of a Loving God." Some of you will think this title sounds familiar. That's because one of the most famous sermons of all time, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," was given by American revivalist preacher Jonathan Edwards in 1741. It epitomizes much of American theology-----that God is angry, violent, and retributive. This is the idea of God that terrified Martin Luther and many Christian believers throughout church history.

At St. Johns, you hear a different gospel message----that God is a loving, grace-filled God. We believe that this is both Biblical and theologically accurate. But in these Lenten study weeks, we'll explore just what kind of difference it makes for our lives.

It is not necessary for you to read the book to participate in the study, but you are invited to. And unlike some previous books we've recommended, this one is easy reading!

If you wish to read the book, there are copies available in the narthex (lobby). If you would like to help out by paying for the book, please add an extra \$10 to your offering.

At the end of each Wednesday evening we'll have a brief worship and prayer time. We meet for five weeks, beginning the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday, February 21 through March 21.

We hope that all members will plan to attend these Lenten Wednesday night together programs. Whether you choose to read the book or not, we believe you will find this to be a very enjoyable and inspiring conversation!

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