

# The Second Naiveté: How to Take the Bible Seriously

Saturday, October 3, 2015  
9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.  
First Christian Church, Tyler

What kind of book is the Bible, and what does it really mean to take it seriously? This seminar will distinguish between taking scripture “literally” as an accurate historical report about things that happened long ago, and taking scripture seriously as poetic testimony to the reality of God. It will explore the question of the Bible’s complicated relationship to our modern notions of “fiction” and “history,” and argue that we should strive to develop what can be called a “second naiveté” —a disposition toward reading the Bible that fearlessly engages and learns from modern criticism, without giving up on the hope and the expectation that in scripture we may be addressed by a voice and a will not our own.



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\$20 Registration Fee

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