

# Watchful: Spiritual Exploration in the Age of Television

Saturday, April 27, 2019  
9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.  
Northway Christian Church, Dallas

Many people have argued that we are living in a golden age of television. Far from the brain-candy of early sitcoms or the repetition of procedural dramas, prestige television has been compared to the 19th century novel as the aesthetic genre of our age: probing human psychology and social realities with verve, depth, and intelligence. Increasingly, prestige television is turning to themes of religion, spirituality, and morality. Occasionally religious themes, traditions, and practices feature prominently and explicitly (as in shows like *Big Love*, *Rectified*, and *The Leftovers*). This seminar will explore a range of television shows from the early 2000s to the present, asking what we can learn about spiritual exploration in our own age, and what the genre of television allows us to see that other genres may not.



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