

## Wednesday Morning Study Group 2025–2026

### Summer Session:

Pack a lunch, and join us for a couple of conversations during the summer. If it's nice, we will set up on the back porch of 1010 at the picnic tables. If the weather is less favorable, we will meet in the Red Room. We will plan to gather from 12:00-1:00 to check in and to discuss the below books. These gatherings will be in-person only (with apologies to our virtual friends).

*July 9*

*The Anthropocene Reviewed: Essays on a Human-Centered Planet*

By John Green

*August 13*

*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*

By Robin Wall Kimmerer

### 2025–2026 Program Year Books:

*How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith*

By Mariann Edgar Budde

*All We Can Save: Truth, Courage, and Solutions for the Climate Crisis*

Edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Katharine K. Wilkinson

*Ethnic America*

By Thomas Sowell

*Miracles and Wonder: The Historical Mystery of Jesus*

By Elaine Pagels

*Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times*

By Gregory Boyle

### 2025–2026 Program Year Schedule:

*September*

3 – *How We Learn to Be Brave* Introductions and Chapter 1: Deciding to Go

10 – Chapter 2: Deciding to Stay

17 – Chapter 3: Deciding to Start

24 – Chapter 4: Accepting What You Do Not Choose

*October*

1 – Chapter 5: Stepping Up to the Plate

8 – Chapter 6: The Inevitable Letdown

15 – Chapter 7: The Hidden Virtue of Perseverance and Epilogue

22 – *All We Can Save* Begin and Part 1: Root (try to read one entry each day, like a devotional)

29 – Part 2: Advocate

*November*

5 – Part 3: Reframe  
12 – Part 4: Reshape  
19 – Part 5: Persist  
26 – *No Meeting (day before thanksgiving)*

#### *December*

3 – Part 6: Feel  
10 – Part 7: Nourish  
17 – Part 8: Rise and Onward  
24 – *No Meeting (Christmas Eve)* [consider reading ahead...]  
31 – *No Meeting (New Year's Eve)*

#### *January*

7 – *Ethnic America* Part I: Introduction  
14 – Part II: Americans from Europe  
21 – Part III: Americans from Asia  
28 – Part IV: Americans from Africa

#### *February*

4 – Part V: Americans from Latin America  
11 – Part VI: An Overview  
18 – *Miracles and Wonder* Introduction and Chapter 1: The Virgin Birth: What Happened?  
[Ash Wednesday]  
25 – Chapter 2: Who Is Jesus? Miracles and Mysteries

#### *March*

4 – Chapter 3: What Is the “Good News”?  
11 – Chapter 4: The Crucifixion: What Happened, and What Could It Mean?  
18 – Chapter 5: Resurrection: What Did People Say Happened—and What Can Be Known?  
25 – Chapter 6: How Did Jesus “Become God”?

#### *April*

1 – Chapter 7: Who *Is* Jesus—to New Artists, Converts, and Filmmakers Engaging Him Today?  
and Conclusion [Holy Week]  
8 – *Cherished Belonging* Introduction and Chapter 1: The Wild One  
15 – Chapter 2: The Cruelty Points  
22 – Chapter 3: The Blindfold and Chapter 4: The Tribe to End All Tribalism  
29 – Chapter 5: *Acatamiento*

#### *May*

6 – Chapter 6: Visible Entirely and Chapter 7: Make Windows  
13 – Chapter 8: The Household of God  
20 – Chapter 9: The Fastest Route  
27 – Book discussion and planning for the 2026-2027 program year