

3. Next Wednesday we gather for session 2 of our book study. We're zeroing in on the topics covered in chapters 4 and 5 of the book. Whether you have the book or not or have read parts of it or not, you will definitely be engaged by the discussion on the following:

#### **CHAPTER 4 – GOD.**

Is there a "more" in the world or not. This is the God question many are asking. And if there is a "more", how do we access it?

Borg also highlights two very different concepts of God – what he calls "supernatural theism" versus "panentheism." These are two very different ways of thinking about God, accessing God (prayer) and seeing God in one's life and one's world.

Is God a person or person-like presence for you or is God more like an energy or force? What's the difference?

What is the character of the God you pray to and believe in? Is it a God of requirements and rewards if you obey and do right, or a God of love and justice? What's the difference? And where does grace fit in to either?

#### **CHAPTER 5 - JESUS.**

How is Jesus different than Muhammad in Islam and Moses in Judaism?

What are images of Jesus that are obstacles to faith and what are ways to Jesus that open up faith? Borg also makes reference to a "pre-Easter Jesus" and a "post-Easter" Jesus. What's that about?

Borg then engages in some metaphorical interpretations of gospel stories and highlights what he feels are 5 key descriptors of Jesus – mystic, healer, wisdom teacher, social prophet and movement initiator.

Is any of this of interest to you as you seek to deepen your faith journey? Join us! And contact Dr. Harris ([hathan1964@hotmail.com](mailto:hathan1964@hotmail.com)) with any questions.