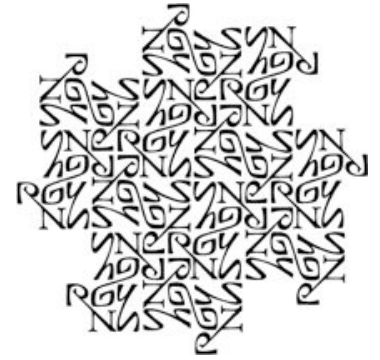


loving, tending, feeding faith in the 21st century

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outline

- part one: a theological frame for faith formation in the 21st century
- part two: pragmatic ways to “feed my sheep” in the midst of digital cultures



part one

- how are we encountering the Bible today?
- what are we “learning about learning” in the midst of digital cultures?
- the emmaus story as one road to travel
- questions we need to keep in front of us



I hear and I forget
I see and I remember
I do and I understand

watch one
do one
teach one

how are we doing this today in communities of faith?

how is the world teaching us the Bible?



what are people learning from these?
what would you want to teach?

Social Media is about People



distraction or engagement?



questions of doing as much as of knowing

learning as indwelling

- what is my relationship to others?
- what am I able to explore?
- how can I utilize the available resources?



Brown and Thomas



how might we move forward? the Bible and our communities of faith



so what do we do?

we learn to discern in community

community

- those we know and live with
- those around us in our neighborhoods and globally
- those before us in time
- those who lived with Jesus and shared their knowing in the Bible
- even those we call enemy



a possible memory aid...



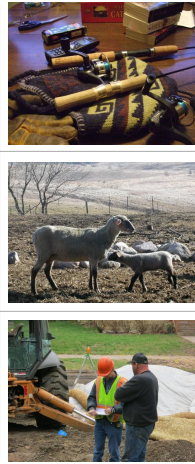
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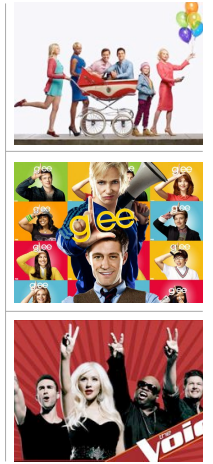
daily life, encountering a stranger, breaking bread



if we are open to encountering God in daily life here...



can we be open to doing so here, as well?

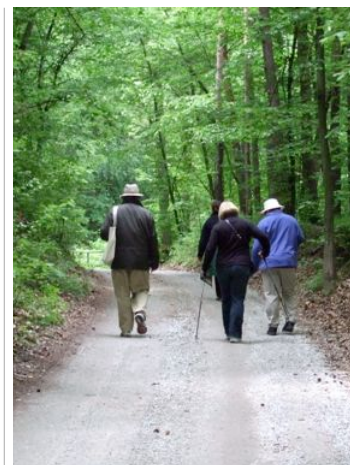


what about here?



how do we encounter God in encountering a stranger?

how do we recognize Jesus?



Mary, the disciples on the road

questions we need to ponder

- how do we encounter strangers?
- how do we build relationships with those from whom we are estranged?
- how do we live real hospitality?
- how do we, in our daily lives, open ourselves to the possibility of walking with Jesus?

what are the elements that invite us to share hospitality?

It's not so much that we should embrace *all* that is strange, but rather that we should engage that from which we have become *estranged*, by circumstance or other dynamic, with a deep openness to encountering Christ there.

the final piece has to do with breaking bread

one way to do that is to learn how to contribute to this process of producing communication, this process of sharing and inviting, and participating in rituals of communication ... (part two)

Q & A

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