

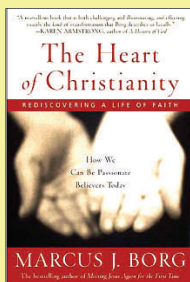


The 2011 Tri-Synodical Theological and Leadership Conference

with

Marcus J. Borg

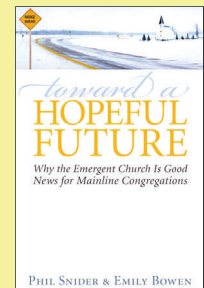
January 24-26, 2011 - Registration Open Soon
Moody Gardens Hotel - Galveston, Texas



Marcus suggested two books for pre-conference reading that will help us come better prepared to hear, think, share, and process.

"The Heart of Christianity - Rediscovering a Life of Faith"

"Toward A Hopeful Future - Why the Emergent Church Is Good News for Mainline Congregations"



Both are available at Amazon and other bookstores.

As we gather in ministeriums, clusters, or other groups prior to the conference, Marcus suggested that one meeting be used — perhaps later in 2010—to process these questions:

1. If somebody had asked you at the end of childhood, at age twelve or so, "*What's most central to Christianity? What's it about? What is the heart of its message?*" In a sentence or a few phrases, what would you have said? [After this has been asked, give people two or three minutes of silence before they respond. If the group is quite large, divide into smaller groups of four or five to share.]
2. How would you answer that question now? [Again, some silence, followed by processing.]
3. What do you think are the one or two most important theological/religious/spiritual questions that your congregation wrestles with?
4. What would you most like to change about the liturgy?

"Ideas matter, much more than we commonly think they do - especially our world-views and values; namely our ideas about what is real and how we are to live. We receive such ideas from our culture as we grow up, and unless we examine them, we will not be free persons, but will to a large extent live out the agenda of our socialization."

- Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan in *The First Paul*