

“A River Created by Many Streams”

Washington Community Fellowship

Fall 2010

Course Assumptions:

- The focus is on Jesus and his Church vs. Christianity
- Our goal is keep our faith growing and up-to-date, asking what can we learn from these heritages?
- Those who don't understand history are doomed to repeat it
- Our study of the streams of the Church free us from parochialism and minimalism, making us truly catholic
- We are blessed to be standing on the shoulders of many who came before us
- Most church groups (2600 traditions) go from “Dogma to Doctrine to Application,” doctrine and application are what often lead to division, but personalities do, too.
- God's work spreads via the Holy Spirit despite human attempts to control

Class Schedule:

9/19 Church history in context, perennial issues, “Christ and Culture”

9/26 WCF Retreat: The Anabaptists

10/3 Anabaptist Review, Holy Catholic Church – 1st 1000 years

10/17 Senior Churches: Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, and Anglicanism

10/24 The Reformers- Calvin, Luther, Zwingli (Jerry Herbert)

10/31 Puritanism, British Baptists, Quakers, Plymouth Brethren/Dispensationalists

11/07 Wesleyans/Holiness/Methodism (Jerry Herbert)

11/21 Pentecostals, Charismatics, and other Evangelical movements

12/5 The Church around the world

12/19 Final discussion: What does it mean for WCF to be an evangelical, multid denominational fellowship affiliated with the Mennonite Church?