

What is the Point of Being a Christian?

There is an immense spiritual hunger today all throughout our world. Perhaps you are among those who seek greater meaning and deeper spirituality, who yearn to be more "at home" in your faith, who wonder whether or how your Christian faith really is "good news", who genuinely ask what's the point of being Christian...

What difference does your Christian faith make in the way you live?

What you profess as a Christian is not trivial. Christianity's truths shape your life towards God as your ultimate destiny, and you live in such a way that your life would make no sense if God did not exist. Christianity's beliefs have observable consequences in everyday life. There should always be something about you that puzzles others, that makes them pause and wonder what is at the core of your life. They see you living an attractive and intriguing way, and they become interested in knowing why. Have you ever asked yourself what people find wonderful or striking about the way you live? What might stir in them an interest in the God that you as a Christian worship?

Join other men and women for an eye-opening and enriching 12-week series in which we will explore *What is the Point of Being a Christian?* You will receive a book, read a chapter a week on your own, and come prepared each Monday for reflective discussion with others on a number of different aspects of Christian faith, exploring how each of these might sit askew and out of alignment to the dominant culture of our global village. It is these differences that make sense of the statements of our faith. If we just conform, without our lives being in some way odd, our words about faith will just be empty, meaningless. You will explore how words are useless unless they are embedded in individuals and communities which show how they are pointed beyond us, to the one who has sought us out and given us his Word. You will come to see more clearly that the point of Christianity is to point to God as the meaning of your life. Each chapter will reinforce that for you.

**Group sharing and thoughtful discussion weekly in St. Joseph Hall, Bandera, for 12 Mondays:
January 27 to April 14, 2025 from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. OR from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**

Registration by Jan.20 is required. Contact Sr. Dorothy at 830-688-0167 or dorothy.batto@amormeus.org to indicate your intention to attend. Also, complete registration form below and return to The Sacred Garden, P.O. Box 2853, Bandera, TX 78003. A donation to The Sacred Garden for book and 12 sessions is much appreciated.

About the Program Guide: Sr. Dorothy Batto, CCVI, is a native of St. Stanislaus parish in Bandera with over 60 years of experience in the educational, spiritual, and pastoral ministries of the Church at the parish, diocesan, national and international levels. In addition to directing The Sacred Garden, a non-profit ministry in Bandera cultivating fullness of life, she currently is a spiritual director and retreat director in the Archdiocese of San Antonio, works with the International Ministry to Ministers sabbatical program at Oblate School of Theology, and serves on the international Initial Formation Team of her religious community, The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio.

Registration Form for WHAT IS THE POINT OF BEING A CHRISTIAN?

Name _____ Phone _____

Full Mailing Address _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

I am registering for program that meets at 4:00 – 5:30 pm _____ that meets at 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. _____

I would you like to make a donation to The Sacred Garden: _____

I already have the resource book: Yes _____ No _____

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