

animate PRACTICES

SESSIONS

PRAYER | ORIENTED TOWARD GOD | BRIAN MCLAREN

Brian's take on prayer is less about what prayer does or why we pray. Instead, he focuses on giving us permission to pray in ways that are meaningful, helpful, and life giving.

FOOD | EATING, WITH JESUS | SARA MILES

Sara believes that French fries can be as holy as organic kale when they are offered and shared in acts of love and fellowship. This point can get lost in our conversations about the "right" kind of food.

WORSHIP | SEEKING GOD'S PRESENCE | MIKE SLAUGHTER

For many Christians, worship is synonymous with going to church. Mike challenges us to think about worship as a much richer practice, one we can follow on our own and in community.

SACRAMENTS | A TAPESTRY OF TRADITIONS | PHYLLIS TICKLE

For many of us, the sacraments have become just another part of our church routine, like hymns and prayer. But Phyllis asks us to revisit the ancient meaning of these experiences and consider what we are really up to as we take part in these practices.

MONEY | THE JOY OF SHARING | SHANE CLAIBORNE

Shane's message can easily be construed as political, but he asks us to look beyond -isms and -ologies to see financial generosity as a kingdom call, rather than a social position.

SERVICE | THE NEEDS RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU | ENUMA OKORO

Enuma is a seasoned traveler, having lived and worked in countries on four continents. But she encourages us to see the needs around us. This local context can give us a new understanding of what service really looks like.

COMMUNITY | AN UNEXPECTED FAMILY | DOUG PAGITT

Doug pushes us to think of community as more than just a nice idea. He invites us to remake our communities by bringing our gifts, our talents, and our ideas with us wherever we go.