

An Intro to Queer Theology

Patrick S. Cheng, author of *Radical Love: An Introduction to Queer Theology*, writes, "Radical love, I contend, is a **love so extreme that it dissolves our existing boundaries.**" In his book he states that Queer Theology, that place where Christian theology and queer theory meet, is all about radical love.

This Epiphany, spend six weeks on a study of Cheng's book, *Radical Love*. The course begins with his definition of Queer Theology, it's history and background. He goes on to discuss the radical nature of God's love and how that plays out in community. In his fourth chapter, Cheng writes about Jesus as the recovery of God's radical love. He concludes with the Holy Spirit that points us toward living a life of radical love.

Using study questions from the book, The Rev. Rick Kautz will facilitate a six-week study of the book by Cheng. The class will meet Monday evenings at Christ Church Cathedral, 421 S. 2nd St. in Louisville from 6:30 to 8:00 PM beginning January 8 and ending on February 12. Participants are asked to purchase their own book and have the first two chapters read by the first class.

One does not have to be gay or identify as queer to take this class. There will be times of sharing our stories and feelings as queer Christians however, and we ask that you be respectful of other's stories and that you keep any confidences that are shared to yourself.

You may register for the class by emailing rickkautz@gmail.com.

Reviews of **Radical Theology**:

"Patrick Cheng's *Radical Love* is not only an excellent introduction to LGBT theology but an important contribution to the discipline of theology and the life of the church. It is a must read for anyone who cares about the health of the church and theology today." --James H. Cone, Charles A. Briggs Distinguished Professor of Systematic Theology, Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY

"Thoroughly Christian and thoroughly Queer, Cheng helps readers welcome a theology that leaves no one behind." --Chris Glaser, author of *As My Own Soul: The Blessing of Same-Gender Marriage and Coming Out as Sacrament*