**Jan’s Bible Study Plus+ - Fall 2023**

**Comparative Religion**

**24 lectures with Professor Charles Kimball**

**Wednesdays, 10:00 -11:30 am, Church Library**

**Qs? Email Jan at jjkibler.47@verizon.net**

What does the **Plus**+ mean in our new name? **It means we are not just a group who studies the Bible.** We actually have look at all manner of things having to do with our faith journeys and decided our name should reflect it. We’ve studied such diverse topics as the archaeology of the holy land, the roots of religion in prehistory, the architecture of and the life in the holy land, the historical Christ, each of the five great religions, and so much more. Now we are comparing the great religions with **Professor Charles Kimball of the University of Oklahoma**, another great speaker at the top of his game. Our post lecture discussions are deep and the bonds we make with each other are deeper. Yes, this is a college-level course, but we are a fun-loving group that loves to learn. Check us out.

There is always an empty chair—come join us!

**We begin on:**

Sep 20 Lecture 1 Comparative Religion—Who, What, Why, How ?

Sep 27 Lecture 2 Exploring Similarities and Differences

Oct 4 Lecture 3 The Sacred, the Holy, and the Profane

Oct 11 Lecture 4 Sacred Time, Sacred Space, Sacred Objects

Oct 18 Lecture 5 Sacred People—Prophets, Sages, and Saviors

Oct 25 Lecture 6 Sacred People—Clergy, Monastics, Shamans

Nov 1 Lecture 7 Sacred Signs, Analogues, and Sacraments

Nov 8 Lecture 8 Creation Myths and Sacred Stories

Nov 17 Lecture 9 From Sacred Stories and Letters to Doctrine

Nov 22 NO CLASS---THANKSGIVING WEEK !