

# Bridging the Gap

2017-2018

Sundays at 9:00 AM

Please join us for what will undoubtedly be a very informative Bridging the Gap **beginning Sunday, October 1st @ 9 AM**. For this academic year's Bridging the Gap, we've decided to take advantage of a couple of courses to examine our Christian ethic through the lens of 20th world history. For our first 12-week trimester, we will study one of the lowest and most repugnant experiences of human history, "The History of Hitler's Empire". Similar to the fantastic series on evil a few years back, this first series will unpack how a seemingly normal country in world affairs became home to one of the most heinous and deadly regimes we have ever known utilizing the tools of fear, propaganda, scapegoating, and ethnic supremacy. What did average citizens think? How was information manipulated? Where was the Church? How does this history affect us today?

For the second and third 12-week trimesters, we will then shift focus on the United States and our relationship with the Middle East from 1914 through roughly the present day. In this two part series we will explore the ethical implications of the fall of colonialism and the rise of authoritarian and fundamentalist ideologies in the inter world war and post-World War II periods as globalization and economic interdependence increases. In a world as complex and contentious as ours is today, it is incredibly important to understand how history functions in our ethical conversations both locally and globally.

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## I. Understanding Today Via 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History: A History of Hitler's Empire

10/1	The Third Reich, Hitler, and the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century
10/8	The First World War and Its Legacy
10/15	The Weimar Republic and the Rise of the Nazi Party
10/22	The Twenties and the Great Depression
10/29	The Nazi Breakthrough
11/5	Hitler's Assumption of Power
11/12	Racial Policy and the Totalitarian State
11/19	Hitler's Foreign Policy
11/26	Munich and the Triumph of National Socialism
12/3	War in the West, War in the East
12/10	Holocaust – Hitler's War Against the Jews
12/17	The Final Solution
<b>12/24</b>	<b>No Class</b>
<b>12/31</b>	<b>No Class</b>

## II. Understanding Today Via 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History: The U.S. and the Middle East (1914-1973)

1/7	A Meeting of Two Worlds
1/14	Wilson & the Breakup of the Ottoman Empire
1/21	The Interwar Period
1/28	U.S. & the Middle East During World War II
2/4	Origins of the Cold War in the Middle East
2/11	Truman & the Creation of Israel
2/18	Eisenhower, the Cold War & the Middle East
2/25	The Suez Crisis & Arab Nationalism
3/4	Kennedy – Engaging Middle Eastern Nationalism
3/11	Johnson – Taking Sides

- 3/18 The Six-Day War
- 3/25 The Nixon Doctrine & the Middle East
- 4/1 *No Class (The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day)*

III. Understanding Today Via 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History: The U.S. and the Middle East (1973-2003)

- 4/8 The Yom Kippur War & Kissinger's Diplomacy
- 4/15 Carter & Camp David
- 4/22 The Iranian Revolution & the Hostage Crisis
- 4/29 Era of Limits – Energy Crises of the 1970's
- 5/6 The Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan
- 5/13 Reagan and the Middle East
- 5/20 The First Palestinian *Intifada*
- 5/27 The Gulf War
- 6/3 The Rise & Fall of the Oslo Peace Process
- 6/10 The United States & the Kurds
- 6/17 The United States & Osama bin Laden
- 6/24 September 11 & Its Aftermath