

# Bridging the Gap

2018-2019

Sundays at 9:00 AM

Please join us for what will undoubtedly be a very informative *Bridging the Gap* **beginning Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> @ 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 American history from pre-Revolutionary times through the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. For our first 8-week trimester, we will study one of the rooted sins of the American experience: slavery. Utilizing the critically acclaimed PBS documentary series, "Slavery and the Making of America", we'll dive into the realities of slavery and how it has shaped much of our political, economic, social, and religious landscape, all of which we very much live with today. We will also see the power of resistance and the core of the human spirit amidst seemingly endless adversity.

For the second and third 12-week trimesters, we will then shift focus on the post Civil War period as we unpack America's Gilded Age and its subsequent Progressive Era. Much like today, the age of robber barons presided over a society with massive income inequality and social discord. With industrialization, immigration reached new heights along with xenophobia. Jim Crow gains a foothold in the South as Reconstruction stalls and then backslides into segregation. Many of the same ethical questions raised today were present in this time period. Come learn what our own history may teach us about our own day.

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## I. Slavery and the Making of America

9/30	The Downward Spiral (1 <sup>st</sup> 30 minutes)
10/7	The Downward Spiral (2 <sup>nd</sup> 30 minutes)
10/14	Liberty in the Air (1 <sup>st</sup> 30 minutes)
10/21	Liberty in the Air (2 <sup>nd</sup> 30 minutes)
10/28	Seeds of Destruction (1 <sup>st</sup> 30 minutes)
11/4	Seeds of Destruction (2 <sup>nd</sup> 30 minutes)
11/11	The Challenge of Freedom (1 <sup>st</sup> 30 minutes)
11/18	The Challenge of Freedom (2 <sup>nd</sup> 30 minutes)
11/25	<b>No Class</b>

## II. America in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (Part I)

12/2	1865: "Bind Up the Nation's Wounds"
12/9	The Reconstruction Revolution
12/16	Buffalo Bill Cody and the Myth of the West
12/23	Smokestack Nation: Industrial Titans
<b>12/30</b>	<b>No Class</b>
1/6	Andrew Carnegie: The Self-Made Ideal
1/13	Big Business: Democracy for Sale?
1/20	The New Immigrants: A New America
1/27	Big Cities: The Underbelly Revealed
2/3	Popular Culture: Jazz, Modern Art, Movies
2/10	New Technology: Cars, Electricity, Records
2/17	The 1892 Homestead Strike
2/24	Morals and Manners: Middle Class Society

### III. America in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (Part II)

3/3	Mrs. Vanderbilt's Gala Ball
3/10	Populist Revolt: The Grangers and Coxey
3/17	Rough Riders and the Imperial Dream
3/24	No More Corsets: The New Woman
3/31	Trust-Busting in the Progressive Era
4/7	The 1911 Triangle Fire and Reform
<b>4/14</b>	<b><i>No Class (The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday)</i></b>
<b>4/21</b>	<b><i>No Class (The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day)</i></b>
4/28	Theodore Roosevelt, Conservationist
5/5	Urban Reform: How the Other Half Lives
5/12	The 17 <sup>th</sup> Amendment: Democracy Restored
5/19	Early Civil Rights: Washington or Du Bois?
5/26	Over There: A World Safe for Democracy
6/2	Upheaval and the End of an Era