

## **What is the Christian Imagination? And what has it to do with race?**

We have a unique and timely opportunity to dive really deep into why it is we have racial tensions. And why is it, Christians are as troubled by racial prejudices as non-Christians?

There's a very important work on this subject titled *The Christian Imagination, Theology and the Origins of Race* by Willie James Jennings. Dr Jennings won a MacArthur Genius Award for this book and Brett Stuvland, a former student of his, is coming to Fremont to lead us into the revelatory history and "Christian" theology Jennings writes about.

Jennings reveals how the Christian faith was an immediate partner to contriving racial identity (and stratification) and how it theologized justifications for this classification of humanity; how far back this theological framework goes and how it has threaded its way forward to our day.

This study will augment and amplify Christena Cleveland's workshop of February 3 (whom Brett also knows) and help us reflect further on her remarks and her own book: *Disunity in Christ*.

Folks do not have to read the book to participate and all are welcome though we would like to know who we might expect if you would contact Pastor Q [ [lq@fremontumc.org](mailto:lq@fremontumc.org) ].

**Study begins April 19 and meets every Thursday at 7:00 pm through June 7.** Please don't let the duration put you off. This is going to be worth it!