

Community Need



- ❖ Brand new community garden
 - Support with community engagement
- ❖ An expanding queer community in the congregation
 - Hannah's experience with LGBTQ+ spiritual groups and queer theory

**GOD, GAYS,
& THEYS**

An inclusive group
for LGBTQ+
individuals and
allies! Open to ALL!

Zoom meetings
every other
Tuesday at 6pm

join us: DM us if
interested!

Ministry Response Initiative



Critical Bible Study

QUEER THEOLOGY

Starting:

Tuesdays | 17 June | 6-7 PM

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FULLERTON

Using "Radical Love: Intro to Queer Theology" as a guiding source, this open and affirming spiritual group will analyze the Bible and Christian traditions through a critical queer lens



- ❖ Harvesting produce from Tara's garden for hot meals program
 - Seeking volunteers from the community to serve the garden
- ❖ Weekly queer theology meetings



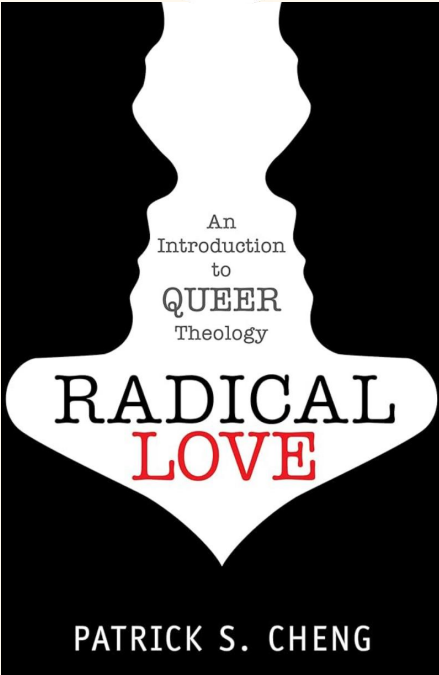
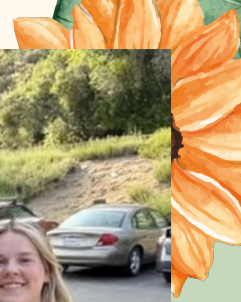
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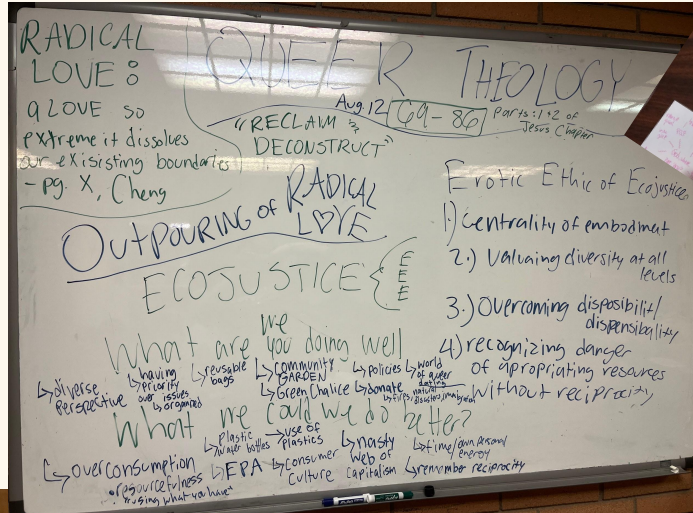
Collaborators and Partners



- ❖ **Tara's Chance:** Non-profit that sponsors/hosts Tara's garden
- ❖ **Pacific Southwest Region:** Partner at Loch Leven Jubilee Camp
- ❖ **Yates Family:** Incredible social, spiritual, and academic support
- ❖ **Barry Woodbridge:** Collaborator for community garden, hot meals, and outreach
- ❖ **Radical Love by Patrick Cheng:** guiding resource in queer theology



Impact and Ripples



- ❖ 50 people served at Wednesday night hot meals program
- ❖ Garden operations growing in vision and volunteers



- ❖ 8 queer theology meetings, 120+ pages read
- ❖ 20 books bought with the grant, 18 participants
 - The congregants love engaging with this new perspective, putting a radical lens on a lot of fundamentalist theology
 - Impassioned discussion about ecojustice and intersectionality



Spirit of God Awe Moments

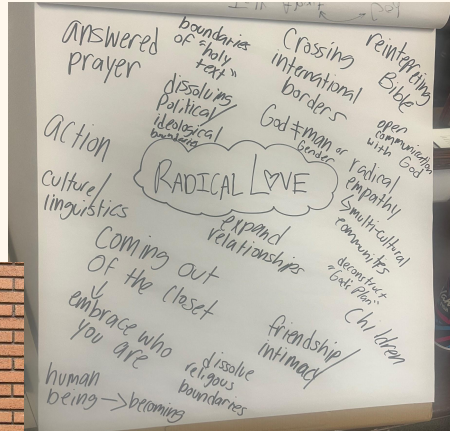


- ❖ Watching my small group find value in nature, justice, and the spirit
- ❖ Being surprised by their ability to stack rocks together

- ❖ Empowered by preaching
 - feeling loved and welcomed by FCCF's community
- ❖ Queer theology sees Holy Trinity as God's internal community of radical love
 - Asking: where are you in relation with God?

**“Radical love:
a love so extreme
that it dissolves our
existing
boundaries.”**
(Cheng, 2011, p. x)

Beloved Community



answered prayer
boundaries of "holy text"
crossing international borders
reinterpreting Bible
action
dissolving Political Ideological boundaries
God + man or radical
open communication with God
culture/linguistics
RADICAL LOVE
expand relationships
empathy
Small-cultural remnants
Coming out of the closet
disruptive "God-forsaken"
Chi Iden
embrace who you are
friendship/intimacy
dissolve religious boundaries
human being → becoming



*Going BEYOND the boundaries of awareness:
Embodying radical love through
critical conversations, empathetic inclusion,
and creation care*

