**Questions of our Times**

* Does all this activity make a difference beyond ourselves?
* Are we living in right relation to other people, to the created world, and to God?

***We long to see our lives whole and to know that they matter.***

**Practice?!?!**

* Practices address fundamental human needs and conditions through concrete human acts (James 1:22)
* Practices are done together, over time (1 Corinthians 12:12-31)
* Practices possess standards of excellence (Colossians 3:23-25)
* Practices follow Jesus’ example, which help us perceive how our daily lives are all tangled up with the things God is doing in the world (2 Corinthians 5:20)
* Practices are all interrelated (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

***Christian practices are activities Christian people do together over time in response to and in light of God’s active presence for the life of the world.***

**Christian Faith**

* invites us to envision a way of life that strives for the wholeness Jesus offers
* offers hope and help to people who long for such a way
* ends the search for how to live aright at this time in history (which is extremely urgent)
* fulfills the yearning for deeper understanding of how to order our lives in accord with what is true and good (Holy Scripture)

***“The good of all people, indeed of all creation, may depend on our ability to order our lives well.” – Craig Dykstra & Dorothy C. Bass***

**Homework: consider what it means, as Christians, to honor our bodies (Psalm 139:13-14)**