

The Progressive Study Group in Gulfport meets each third Thursday evening at 6:30 in the home of Helen and Edwin Graham, coordinators of the group. The meeting begins at 6:30 with food, wine, coffee, and soft drinks. The discussion begins at 7:00 with a DVD lecture followed by group discussion. The meeting ends between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. The group is composed of persons from entire Gulf Coast. Currently, persons from nine denominations attend most sessions.

The group has been meeting for almost a year and has an attendance of 15 to 20 persons. In the recent meetings they have discussed a wide variety of topics from lectures by Joan Chittister, Richard Rohr, John Shelby Spong, and the four lecture series by Marcus Borg on "The Heart of Christianity." Currently the group is discussing John Dominic Crossan's "The Challenge of Jesus." In February the topic will be "The Death of Jesus," followed next month by "The Resurrection of Jesus." These lectures were chosen for the Lenten focus. Additional information or directions to the meeting may be obtained by calling Edwin Graham, 228-863-2343, or by e-mail kedwgrm@aol.com.