

## SATURDAY AND WEEKEND SEMINARS

*Faith & Life Saturday Seminars* will be presented on four days during the year at the Center for Christian Study. These same presentations also are offered as traveling *Weekend Seminars* that are made available primarily for churches; other organizations may also call to request any these seminars. Additional details about the presentations are at the Center's website, [www.studycenter.net](http://www.studycenter.net). Please contact the Center to find out how to schedule any of these seminars for your church or other organization.

### SPRING 2009

#### *Understanding Popular Culture*

**SPEAKER:** Drew Trotter

**DATE:** Saturday, March 14, 2009

**TIME:** Session 1: 9 - 10:30 a.m.; Session 2: 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Center for Christian Study

This seminar will combine lecture, discussion, viewing and listening to introduce the concepts, theology and influences of American popular culture. After laying a theoretical foundation for understanding culture generally and popular culture specifically, we will focus on the entertainment products of American culture, developing a Christian critique of that culture's themes, techniques, and values as they are demonstrated in music, narrative, news reporting and game-playing today. We will seek to help students develop skill at discerning when popular culture conforms to — and when it is in opposition to — Biblical truth. We seek to do this by the analysis of modern popular media, primarily the electronic media of television and film, but also including the media of radio, magazine, novel, comic book, computer, compact disk and video game.

#### *Comparing World Religions*

**SPEAKER:** Justin Holcomb

**DATE:** Saturday, April 4, 2009

**TIME:** Session 1: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.  
Session 2: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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In this seminar we will investigate Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism to better understand their origins, beliefs, and practices. We will also compare each religion to Christianity.