

Topic #1 “Anabaptism in the 1500s” by Bro. Matt Drayer

1. **If you had to describe the “central vision” of Anabaptism in one sentence, what would it be?** — How would you compare that vision to your own understanding of Christian faith?
2. **How does the Schleithem Confession reflect the unique priorities of early Anabaptists?** — What stood out to you in the principles it outlined?
3. **Harold Bender’s ‘Anabaptist Vision’ was written centuries after the movement began— why do you think his interpretation still resonates today?** — Can you identify any core values that feel especially relevant now?
4. **How do you think the early Anabaptist emphasis on discipleship and community contrasts with mainstream Christianity then—and even now?**
5. **Why do you think Anabaptist principles like nonviolence and voluntary church membership were considered radical at the time?** — Do they still feel radical today?
6. **What motivated early Anabaptist leaders to break away from the Protestant movement, despite sharing core beliefs?** — How might their interpretation of Scripture have shaped this decision?
7. **In what ways did the Anabaptists challenge both Protestant and Catholic authorities during the Reformation?** — What risks were they taking by doing so?

Topic #2 “Anabaptism and the Froehlich Tradition” by Bro. Nathan Rassi

1. **In what ways do you think Froehlich’s life experiences shaped his receptiveness to Anabaptist ideas?** — Can personal challenges sometimes lead us to reinterpret or deepen our beliefs?
2. **Why do you think Froehlich found the Anabaptist tradition compelling?** — What common threads might have made their beliefs resonate with him?
3. **The attraction between Froehlich and Anabaptist groups was mutual—what does that suggest about the spiritual and social climate of the time?** — How do shared values foster community, even across different traditions?
4. **What might have drawn Samuel Froehlich away from his Reformed roots and toward a more independent path?** — How do you think his theological convictions evolved during that shift?
5. **How did Froehlich’s teachings challenge the religious norms of his time?** — What risks or resistance might he have faced for embracing a less institutional approach?
6. **What can Froehlich's engagement with multiple traditions teach us about discernment today?** — Should his example encourage respectful dialogue across denominational lines?
7. **If you were to describe Froehlich’s legacy in one sentence, what would it be?** — How might his story still speak to those pursuing a sincere, lived-out faith today?

Topic #3 “Anabaptism and the Future of the ACCA” by Bro. Fred Witzig

- 1. Which elements of the ACCA Statement of Faith most clearly reflect historic Anabaptist values such as nonviolence, discipleship, and separation from the world? — How do these values show up in our church’s current practices?**
- 2. Where do you see the ACCA’s Purpose, Vision, Mission, or Guiding Principles aligning with the spirit of *The Anabaptist Vision*? — Are there areas where that alignment feels especially strong or especially stretched?**
- 3. The Schleithem Confession emphasizes voluntary church membership and a disciplined, accountable community. How does our current church culture reflect—or diverge from—those ideals?**
- 4. Which parts of the ACCA Statement of Faith feel especially enduring and relevant as we look toward the future? — Are there any that feel more vulnerable or in need of renewed attention?**
- 5. How do we balance honoring our Anabaptist heritage with the need to respond to today’s cultural and spiritual challenges? — What does faithful adaptation look like?**
- 6. Are there aspects of the ACCA Statement of Faith that seem to differ from early Anabaptist convictions? — If so, how might those differences reflect growth, context, or theological shifts?**
- 7. How can understanding our Anabaptist roots help us make more intentional decisions about the future of our church? — What might we carry forward, and what might we reimagine?**