

DISCOVERY



CHRISTIAN CHURCH

October 11

Defining Dignity, Emilie Knauss

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Primary Scripture:

Luke 10:25-37

Secondary Scripture:

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

QUOTE

"Political contestation is as much about cultural identity and recognition, as it is about allocating material resources."

- Christina Boswell, "What is Politics?"

"We play oblivious to the evil that we are capable of, and it bleeds into how we see and care for our neighbor."

- Cole Arthur Riley

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Throughout the next month, we will be talking about the values and postures that we commit to as a church community. When you think of your own life's "posture," what would you call it? What would your closest friends call your posture of life? Is there a disconnect from where it currently is and where you would like it to be?
2. This week we focus on the posture of dignity. When was a time that you felt dignified? When was a time that you felt stripped of your dignity? How did that feel for you?
3. Here is an example of what a posture of dignity looks like: "I will look beyond your situation to see who you are." Is this posture difficult or easy for you to practice? Why do you think that is? Who is someone, or who is a people group, that is difficult for you to look beyond their actions to see their humanity?
4. Please read the story of the Good Samaritan with your group. What do you notice from this passage? What do you imagine the expert of the law decided to do after his conversation with Jesus?
5. Emilie gave us some ways to create a posture of dignity in our own lives: practice forgiveness, practice repentance, visit a new place in your community, listen to people we were conditioned to disagree with, and read more about Jesus' posture towards others. What will you plan to do this week to create a posture of dignity, as commanded by God?
6. Please close your small group by reading part of the Shema together and praying with each other (Deuteronomy 6:4-6).