

Reading the Bible from the Underside

“The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people but the silence over that by the good people.”

Sunday Morning Schedule

- 11/10 What does it mean to read the Bible from the underside?
 “God Takes Sides”
 Reading Together: Exodus 1:8-14; 2:23-25; 3:7-10
- 11/17 Indigenous People: Reading with Native Americans
 Presentation: “Canaanites, Cowboys and Indians”
 Reading Together: Genesis 15:12-21; Deuteronomy 7:1-6
- 11/24 Differently Abled: Reading with the Deaf Community
 Presentation: “Faith comes by hearing...” (Romans 10:17)
 Reading Together: Mark 7:31-37

Our Guiding Questions:

1. How do you hear this text? What does it mean to you in your own personal life?
2. How might a powerless person who lives under oppression hear these texts?
3. How do we deal with the difference in these readings?

Wednesday/Thursday Schedule

- 11/6-7** What does it mean to read the Bible from the underside?
1. Who asks the questions?
2. What does culture mean?
3. Vocabulary: hermeneutics of suspicion, liberation theology, household codes, post-colonial biblical interpretation, inculturation

Reading Together: Exodus 1:8-14; 2:23-25; 3:7-10

1. How do you hear this text? What does it mean to you in your own personal life?
2. How does this text sound in the community?
3. How do we deal with the difference in these readings?

- 11/13-15** Liberation Perspectives: Latin America
Reading Together: Genesis 15:12-21; Deuteronomy 7:1-6

- 11/20-21** A Land and A People in Turmoil: Southeast Asia/Viet Nam
Reading Together: Mark 7:31-37

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- 11/27am/pm** Refugees, Immigration and Exile: United States
Reading Together: Psalm 137

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- 12/5am/pm** Household Codes: Slaves and Women
Reading Together: Colossians 3:18-4:1; Ephesians 5:21-6:9; 1 Peter 2:18-3:7; 1 Timothy 1:8-15

- 12/11-12** Globalization, Farmers and Debt: West Africa
Reading Together: Luke 16:1-13

Resources

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