

## RECAP

**What did you notice about yourself this last week as you engaged with the prompts that Rob gave us to see the face of God in each person and to pursue biblical justice and righteousness?**

## IDEA 1

Ash took us to Matthew 5:21-22 where Jesus expanded on the command to not murder. He was opening our eyes to the fact that in the Kingdom of God brooding anger, insults, mockery, verbal shaming and name calling are as severe as murder because they are fruit of the same tree, the root is the same. Both murder and mockery come from a heart bent away from dignity towards disdain.

**One way to keep our hearts bent toward dignity is to keep the truest thing about someone the truest thing. What does that statement mean to you?**

**What could that look like moving forward in your conversations and relationships?**

**How can we continue to have dignifying conversations and remain engaged even when things often feel more personal & emotional?**

## IDEA 2

Ashley shared that another step in treating everyone with dignity is to make sure we are abiding in Christ, that our roots are growing in Him and that He is producing His fruit in us.

**The litmus test for all of us in this political season and beyond is what type of fruit are on my tree? So, what fruit is growing on your tree?**

**What could it look like to continue to ask Holy Spirit for more of His fruit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23)?**

## EXPERIENCING GOD TOGETHER

**Read John 15:4-5 out loud.**

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*4 "Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. 5 "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."*

**Take some time sharing with each other ways that you spend time remaining with Jesus. What things encourage you? Is there something someone shared that you want to try this week?**

## PRACTICE THIS WEEK

Jesus deeply cares about people.

Jesus loves the people of Salem, Jesus loves the people of Oregon, Jesus loves the people of who call the United States their home and Jesus equally loves every other nation, tribe and people. Jesus is in the business of loving people and therefore as his followers SO ARE WE.

Jesus has called us here, to the people who are here, so we lean in here because we love God and we love people.

**Take some time this week to prayerfully ask God where he wants you to be leaning in.**

*This may mean taking a step toward engaging with someone or something new. It could mean asking forgiveness from someone you have treated with disdain instead of dignity. It may mean being willing to listen to someone who has a different opinion with you and really hear what they have to say. Be open to what God is saying to you!*