

Questions

1. To explain what dignity is *not*, Aristotle warned of two extremes: Being excessively concerned about what others think of me or not being concerned at all; in other words, being a people-pleaser or being arrogant. Which is a more common temptation for you and how can meditating on Genesis 1:26-27 help you to find the right balance?
2. Why did the crowd at Jericho view Zacchaeus as hopeless? Is there a Zacchaeus that you have been tempted to write off? How can you change your engagement with that person?
3. Thinking about the woman in Luke 7:36-50, who was identified only as being known by the town as a sinner, what are some common ways that people can fall into making superficial and/or unflattering judgments about others? Is there someone in your life who appears like an outsider that you can try to move toward to show them Christlike care?
4. The woman caught in adultery in John 8 was only told about the judgment of her sin by the religious leaders. Read John 3:17. What else did Jesus offer to her? Why is it so important that we balance grace and truth as we talk to unbelievers about spiritual realities (cf. John 1:14)?
5. In sharing the gospel, how can it be a lack of dignity to not tell the whole gospel (the bad news and the good news)?
6. Can you think of a brother or sister in Christ who seems to model dignity, treating people as worthy of truth and love? What's one practical lesson you can see from that person's life?
7. Read Luke 4:18. How does this passage help us learn to treat the world with dignity?

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ENGAGE THE WORLD

— Like Jesus —

Engaging with Dignity **Various Scriptures**

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As we watch Jesus and the religious leaders interact with three different individuals, we'll learn what it looks like to engage with Christlike dignity.

For Christians, treating people with dignity is tied to their worth as persons made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27).

1. Dignity means having hope for someone, even if others may regard the person as hopeless (Luke 19:1-7)

3. Dignity means speaking gracious truth, when others speak only of works and judgement (John 8:2-11)

2. Dignity means moving toward someone, that others overlook or move away from (Luke 7:34, 36-50)