

Separation of Church & Hate

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A Week in Review

Three keys to living the righteous life God desires: Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to get angry. (James 1:19-20)

Group Opener

Have you ever gone on a missions trip? If so, share some details about it.

Study Questions

What is dignity? How does the dictionary define it?

What does dignity have to do with how people should treat one another and how the Church should treat people?

Read Acts 1:8. Summarize this verse in your own words.

What did Jesus mean when He said His disciples will be His "witnesses"? How did the disciples go on to bear "witness" for Christ?

Open your Bible, phone or computer to a first-century map of Israel and locate Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and then consider all the earth. What point is Jesus making in verse 8?

How would the first-century audience have likely understood the significance of each of the places Jesus mentioned? In light of this, who is "familiar" to you? Who is "less than" in your life? Who "can't you stand"? Who "don't you care to understand"?

What happens when we fail to recognize the dignity of people?

Are you missing out on: The Holy Spirit power in your life; Bearing witness to God's goodness; Preparing your heart for heaven; Seeing people say "yes" to Christ? If so, how so?

In light of what has been taught and discussed, how will you seek to better recognize the dignity of others and be a witness for Jesus in your "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and end of the earth"?