

LENT 2022

Fourth Conversation

Inequality, Marginalization—and Renewal

Summary

In the fourth conversation, we're invited to wrestle with our commitment to the gospel in light of our pandemic realities. Both in the sense of meeting the needs of those marginalized *by* the pandemic and those in historically marginalized communities who have also borne the brunt of it. In addition to this, we are forced to face the tendency in the church to *avoid* what we claim as “political,” even when the gospel *uncomfortably* invites us to *face it*.

For those reading along, our two conversation partners for this week, Kelly Brown Douglas and Molly Baskette invite us to explore our mission, how it is grounded in the gospel, and why getting *more* connected with matters of justice can lead us to renewal; even in a most difficult season.

Questions for This Week

1. How can we address constructively the inequality in access to resources within the church laid bare by the variety of responses to the Covid pandemic?

2. What responsibility do well-resourced communities and institutions have in helping poor and marginalized churches keep their communities tended and gathered?

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Fifth Conversation: Leadership—Challenge and Change