

Dear Church

Study questions for Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Chapter Six

1. How have you experienced the church as queer at Central, or in other congregations?
2. What work do we still need to do to live into our Reconciled in Christ designation?
3. How do we as a church cultivate a healthy sexual theology?

Chapter Seven

1. What false ideas about manhood have you had to personally confront or shed? How do sex, consent and relationships intersect with ideas about manhood?
2. How has the church reinforced toxic masculinity, and how can the church be a safe and just place for everyone?

Chapter Eight

1. There has been a lot of talk about nationalism in recent years, what is it? How about empire? How do you understand these two terms?
2. How have we tamed Jesus to fit the American paradigm?
3. How can we, like Jesus, “resist the fear fueled instincts that lead to the oppression of the marginalized?” How can Luke and Acts lead the way?

Chapter Nine

1. Do you love the church? If so what is it that you love? How do you express that love?
2. What does it look like to start building the beloved community at Central?

Chapter Ten

1. How is Christianity subversive? Do you think there is anything subversive about Central?
2. How does it feel to be commissioned by Pastor Duncan as a prophet? How can you be prophetic in this day and time?
3. In what ways can we at Central “stretch the tent of God wider?” What are we allowing to stop us?

Chapter Eleven

1. What is the difference between church people and Jesus people?
2. How is Central naming and confronting evil?
3. Can you identify the ways the church is not dying, but instead being refined?
4. How can the church be revolutionary and resurrected?