



# UNDERSTANDING HUMAN DIGNITY THROUGH A BIBLICAL LENS

**Abstract:** This study will explore the concept of human dignity through a biblical lens, examining how Scripture defines and affirms the inherent worth of each person. By analyzing key passages and theological perspectives, we will delve into the doctrine of Imago Dei, how we are all made in the image of God and shaped by divine purpose. This forum aims to foster a deeper understanding of how recognizing and respecting human dignity informs our relationships, social structure, and daily actions as followers of Jesus Christ.

## Learning Objectives:

- Articulate the concept of human dignity as it is presented in Scripture and understand its foundation in the belief that humans are made in the Imago Dei.
- Identify and interpret key passages of Scripture that speak to the inherent worth and purpose of human beings, discussing how these texts shape our understanding of dignity.
- Explore various theological interpretations of human dignity and how these perspectives have shaped Christian thought and ethics.
- Compare contemporary cultural ideas about human dignity with biblical teachings, discerning areas of alignment and difference.

**Who are we?**  
*The Doctrine of Humanity*



**Topic**  
Theological Bucket

## Forum Schedule

- 8:00** | Welcome
- 8:15** | Opening Presentation (Presenter)  
**"The Imago Dei and How it Shapes our View of Self and Neighbor"**
- 8:45** | Theological Discussion (Moderator-Led)
- 10:00** | How might we obey what we have learned?  
Personal & Church Applications
- 10:45** | Closing Prayer Time

**Forum Date:** Saturday, Nov 22nd | 8-11AM

## Discussion Questions

- How does the concept of Imago Dei shape our understanding of human dignity?
- How might our view of human dignity change when we see it as something God-given rather than self-derived?
- In what ways have historical Christian teachings on human dignity shaped the Church's response to issues like poverty, discrimination, or care for the elderly?
- How does a theological understanding of human dignity impact our view of people in various social, physical, or economic conditions?
- What are some ways we might unknowingly disregard human dignity in our interactions or attitudes?
- Where do you see cultural ideas about dignity falling short of or diverging from the Biblical view of dignity?
- How can we as Christians lovingly engage in conversations about dignity in a culture that may have differing values?

**Presenter**

**Moderator**

## Pre-Forum Study Resources

### 6-Week Individual Study

Release Date: October 1, 2025

Primary Forum Reading | **Generous Justice: How God's Grace Makes us Just** 272pgs. - Tim Keller

- Video Lectures | **Imago Dei** (Six Videos) - TGC & Lifeway  
<https://s.craft.me/3pszZNFZP6IT2>
- Video | **The Dignity of God's Image Bearers** 32min. - Stephen Nichols  
[https://youtu.be/84wQVW\\_U-1Y](https://youtu.be/84wQVW_U-1Y)
- Sermon Manuscript | **The Weight of Glory** - C.S. Lewis  
<https://tinyurl.com/cy5x2yr4>
- Video Lecture | **What is Man? Lecture Two** - The Gospel Coalition  
<https://tinyurl.com/54wsm2mb>

## Post-Forum Assignment

- Study **Col 1:15-19 & Gal 3:26-28**, and write a 2-5 page summary explaining how Jesus is the fullness of the Imago Dei and how new life in Christ through the Gospel renews the Imago Dei in each believer's life.
- Identify and intentionally interact with someone this week who you might not typically engage with (someone in your workplace, neighborhood, or community). As you do, keep in mind the biblical understanding of human dignity we discussed. Afterward, write a brief summary (half a page) about:
  - (1) Who you chose to engage with and why.
  - (2) How the conversation or interaction went and any challenges you faced.
  - (3) How the experience influenced your perception of that person's dignity or your own understanding of honoring dignity in everyday encounters.

**Complete by:** Dec. 13, 2025