



A Self-Paced Study Guide for
the Presbytery of East Iowa

WEEK FIFTEEN - Theme for the Week

The Marks of a Great Divide

Readings from *Caste*

Ch. 25 – A Change in the Script

Ch. 26 – Turning Point and the Resurgence of Caste

Ch. 27 – The Symbols of Caste

Scripture

Matthew 25:40, 45

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done [it] unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done [it] unto me..... Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did [it] not to one of the least of these, ye did [it] not to me.

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Genesis 1:27

So God created humans in his own image, in the image of God he created them. . . .

Question for Reflection

In your journal or in your discussion group, discuss the following question:

Germans are ashamed of their Nazi history in a way Americans are not ashamed of slavery. Why do you think Germany was able to humanize their victims and develop laws to enforce “never again” while America still has markers of slavery like statues and confederate flags?

Action Steps

Who are you reading, listening to, watching, in relationship with? Do an inventory for the next week or do one of the past week. What does that say about the voices that are in your head and informing your worldview? The challenge for this week is to intentionally seek out new voices to listen to, new perspectives to seek to understand. Do not shy away from being pushed out of your comfort zone. God calls us to grow.