



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

WEEK FOURTEEN - Theme for the Week

All Roads Lead to Stockholm

Readings from *Caste*

Ch. 22 – The Stockholm Syndrome and the Survival of the Subordinate Caste

Ch. 23 – Shock Troops on the Borders of Hierarchy

Ch. 24 – Cortisol, Telomeres, and the Lethality of Caste

Scripture

Romans 12:17-21

Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Question for Reflection

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

Is the concept of "give the wall" (lower caste stepping out of the way for upper caste) new to you? How have you experienced this in your life?

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.