

Emmaus Church Community

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Season of EPIPHANY

Six Practices to Restore All Things, p. 3: *Insisting on Human Dignity*

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Who are we?

1.

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” - Genesis 1:27

“You have made man a little lower than the angels and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet.” - David, Psalm 8

therefore:

2.

“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst. - Paul, 1 Timothy 1:15

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’” - Jesus, Luke 18:13

therefore:

3.

“If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone; the new is here.” - Paul, 2 Corinthians 5:17

therefore:

A practice of restoration:

Respond:

- . Who or what has contributed to your own sense of identity? How?
- . Discuss each of the three answers to the question, ‘Who are we?’.
Suggest stories from scripture that may support these themes.
Share ways these truths should affect the way we interact.
- . How are you personally encouraged and/or challenged by this week’s “practice of restoration?”