EVERYDAY ETHICS

Continuing the Conversation

The New Testament and the Common Good

Season 3, Episode 5

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION

Questions for reflection and/or group conversations

1. Do you agree or disagree with the statement: The Bible as a center for Christians is breaking down? Does the use of the Bible by believers guarantee a common center? If so, how would you describe the center?

2. What do you think is the role of the Christian community in biblical interpretation? How do you respond when others disagree with your interpretation? How do we choose between two (or more) alternative interpretations of the same texts?

3. List several ways in which you can improve your biblical literacy? Choose 1 and implement it in you life.

4. Can the truth of an interpretation of a biblical text between found in the tension between two polar truths?

5. How much difference in your interpretation and another person's can you allow between your understanding of a biblical text and another person's and still maintain community and fellowship?

6. Search for the words "put on" and "put off" in Paul's writings. What virtues are highlighted by Paul? Vices? How can you incorporate these virtues in your life?

Resources for further study (mentioned in podcast)

Bill and David frequently mention Richard Rohr. You can find out more information about Father Rohr and his work by clicking here: ***Center for Action and Contemplation.***

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