



# ★ ONWARD ★

**ENGAGING THE CULTURE  
WITHOUT  
LOSING THE GOSPEL**

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# ★ HUMAN DIGNITY ★

**WEEK 4**

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Police officers seal off a crime scene in the 1700 block of West Marquette Road Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016, in Chicago. A 22-year-old man was shot in the head while walking and transported to Advocate Christ Medical Center. (John J. Kim / Chicago Tribune)

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**We:**

**Jesus:**



**We:**

Want dignity

Refuse indignity

Don't want the  
responsibility of dignity

**Jesus:**

Wanted our dignity

Embraced indignity

Perfect embodiment  
of human dignity

**Because:**

## **Because:**

Jesus is perfected human dignity in the midst of the greatest human indignity...

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2. We contend  
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3. We embody  
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Every person an image bearer

Matthew 25:40  
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Proverbs 17:5  
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3. There has been no other human justification of human dignity that has been as powerful.
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# We...

Treat all people as image bearers

Explain human dignity to our neighbors

Are examples of unshakable virtue

Help liberate degradations and offenses to dignity

Build wholesome families and covenantal friendships

Speak up and fighting for vulnerable and marginalized



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**3. We embody  
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## Embodying the kingdom:

Kingdom dignity has authority among us (and nothing else)

Rich relationship and community

Minister dignity to indignity

Spread the dignifying message

Use the disciplines of Spiritual renewal and memory

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