

What Gives Human Beings Dignity or Worth?

Intro:

- Use the sign and ask what gives human beings dignity or worth? Some will walk by quickly, and that is okay, but ask if they had a few minutes to discuss if they seem interested at all.
- Ask their name or quick small talk (preferably before asking the question, but okay to ask after they gave their initial answer)
- Common responses: Good person, depends who is asking, many will say they are not sure.
- Suggested initial responses:
 - (In response to if they are “good member of society”) = “So is our worth and dignity depend on how we act? How do we know if we are good enough to have “dignity”
 - Many people believe on other people’s opinions, that is true, but then what is the standard of that dignity, how do we know that we are valued?
 - Our thoughts can view ourselves as having dignity and worth, but even our mind has doubts and second thoughts... Really we DO need an external entity determining our dignity and worth, but the ONLY one that is unchanging is God Himself.

Core Conversation:

- There is no standard of what shows our worth, God, the creator, needs to be in this discussion.
- How does God view us? Do we have dignity & worth as humans? How does He show it?
- Talk about Creation, God created us, with innate value & purpose, and it was GOOD (Gen 1:26)
- We rebelled against God and were separated by God, yet still valued. This was shown that from the very first sin, God STILL had a plan to redeem us (Genesis 3:15), ultimately through Jesus.
- Jesus showed that we had intrinsic value that while we STILL were rebelling against God (not deserving), He died for us in our place to in order to forgive us (Romans 5:8)
- Even with us being valued, God desires that ALL would repent and believe in Jesus – God loves you, even to the point of dying for you – how will you respond to this love?

Wrap up:

- As humans, we WANT to be valued, and we should be. Outside of God, our worth is usually dependent on what we do and external factors, but God values us today. No conditions.
- Ask them if they have ever felt devalued or undignified by others, how did it feel? What do they think of God considering them intrinsically valuable? What do you think you would need to do in response to this love that God shows us?