

No Neighbor in Need: Thinking Theologically About Poverty

Presented September 9 - 30, 2018 Speaker – Lori Ruff-Schmalenberger

Course Outline

Week 1 – From Scarcity to Neighborhood: The Old Testament Journey to the Common Good

- Introductory study 1 Exploring Core Memories
- Video 1 Exploring the scholarship of Walter Brueggemann

Week 2 - Always in the Neighborhood? Re-thinking Matthew 26:11

- Introductory study 2 Exegesis
- Video 2 Exploring the scholarship of Liz Theoharis

Week 3 - Who is My Neighbor? Understanding the Scope of Poverty in America

- Introductory study 3 Poverty Facts Quiz
- Video 3a Encountering the facts
- Video 3b Exploring L. Shannon Jung's understanding of interdependence and the Spirituality of Flourishing

Week 4 - Dr. King's Neighborhood: The Poor People's Campaign

- Introductory study 4 The Unheard King
- Video 4 Understanding the Poor People's Campaign, then and now

Primary Resources

Brueggemann, W. (2010). Journey to the Common Good. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press.

Jung, L. (2017). *Building the Good Life For All: Transforming Income Inequality in Our Communities*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press.

Theoharis, L. (2017). Always with Us? What Jesus Really Said about the Poor. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Co.