

For the week of April 12, 2015
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Quiet Ambition

6th week in the series 'Between the Times.'

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Are we to change the world? Are we to live quiet lives of faithfulness? Or...?

Returning to 1 Thessalonians, we encounter a short passage that emphasizes the importance of love within the community of faith, but has implications on our interactions with the world. These words guide us from love to engagement.

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you practice brotherly love towards those who share faith in Christ? How does it look different for those in your church community? In your local community? Across Christian traditions? Around the world?
2. What is attractive to you about "living quietly and minding your own affairs?" Are you drawn in by the desire to change the world? What part of that desire is good? What part is selfish?
3. How are Christians viewed in the public sphere? How much of any negative perception is deserved? How should Christians engage in the public sphere in a way that seeks justice for outsiders?