

# “Kierkegaard and Vocation”

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## **Lecture 1 – Embracing Uniqueness: Finding and Loving Your “Essential” Self and Contribution**

**Tuesday, March 19th @ 4pm, On Zoom**

Kierkegaard theorizes that each individual has a distinctive or particular identity that God gives them at creation. It is as inherent and inextricable to a person as existence itself. In this lecture, we will explore what Kierkegaard means by this, how it can be uncovered, and how it relates to identifying what one ought to contribute to the larger world.

## **Lecture 2 – Self-Development is Not a Sin: The Christian’s Calling to Selfhood**

**Thursday, April 11th @ 11:30 am-12:30pm, On Zoom**

The Christian tradition emphasizes the importance of self-sacrifice for others and this has often been taken to mean that underdevelopment of oneself is a virtue. Although Kierkegaard lifts up love of the neighbor and sacrifice for others, this must be held in balance with a duty to develop ourselves, which involves love of God, self, and others.

## **Lecture 3 – Engendering Joy: Kierkegaard as Catalyst for Overcoming Complacency** **Thursday, May 9th @ 7pm, Sunroom, BC Ballroom**

Although Kierkegaard is known for writing extensively on despair and anxiety, he names joy as vital to Christian life. His specific notion of joy helps us develop a socially responsible notion of joy that encourages engagement with the world and investment in communal flourishing with attention to those on the margins. Pursuing this joy and flourishing for ourselves and others is not just a nice idea, it is a Christian duty.



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