

Study Guide 2

Living Into Our Full Potential: Disability Justice in The United Church of Canada

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzZZ6qysvAU>)

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” - Matthew 5:48

Questions for Reflection

1. Rev. Darla Sloan remarks, “God creates us all full of potential but with different disabilities.” Translating “teleios” as mature or having reached maturity or completion, what can we surmise when we apply this as a lens to understand Rev. Sloan’s remarks?
2. How can your community of faith or participation in a leadership structure demonstrate equitable accessibility to people with intellectual and/or developmental cognitive disability?
3. Reflect on the accessibility of worship in your community of faith to those with intellectual and/or developmental cognitive disabilities.
 - a. What are some of the ways worship has been a barrier to people with intellectual and/or developmental cognitive disability?
 - b. How do we make sure worship is not out of reach for people with intellectual and/or developmental cognitive disability?
 - c. What concrete changes would you recommend to your community of faith NOW so that worship is equitably accessible to people with intellectual and/or developmental cognitive disability?
4. Rev. Sloan is not only a person with disability but also a caregiver to a person with multiple disabilities. Consider the different ways your community of faith can assist in giving care to persons with disabilities in your immediate community.
