

## Doctrine of Discovery: The Land and People

Back in July 2020, we learned about the Doctrine of Discovery (late 15<sup>th</sup> century) and the resulting European colonization of the world. Today Esther Milnes will lead us through a look at the land and people here in the Santa Fe area at the time of the Doctrine and the succeeding history of the Spanish conquests and then the impact of the United States.

This class is a direct outcome of our action circle entitled, Asking for Grace. That circle was charged with pursuing the history of our land and researching actions and statements by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). On February 19<sup>th</sup>, Esther will share with us her research into the Presbyterian actions and specifically recent recommendations to its congregations.

### ***Goal***

To learn the impact of the Doctrine of Discovery on the people who lived on the land where our sanctuary now sits.

### ***Class Assignments***

- **Race, Trauma, and the Doctrine of Discovery.** (1 hr) By Mark Charles. Presentation given as a part of the Calvin University Series, Jan 19, 2017. Mark R. Charles is a Native American activist, public speaker, consultant, and author on Native American issues, as well as a journalist, blogger, Reformed pastor, and computer programmer.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYZ2rj2Jooc>
- **Latino Americans: Episode 1—Foreigners in Their Own Land.** Video available on PBS.org. (54 min.) Explores the period from 1565-1880, as the first Spanish explorers enter North America, the U.S. expands into territories in the Southwest that had been home to Native Americans and English and Spanish colonies, and as the Mexican-American War strips Mexico of half its territories by 1848.  
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