

Longing for Home

In a world of lockdowns, isolations, and limited social interaction, most of us have not spent more time at home within our four walls than we have now; and yet, despite this, most of us could not feel less at home. This seminar explores the deep-seated longing for home all humanity bears, and how it is that we can creatively engage with this desire through mainstream media in a world marred by the ongoing pandemic.

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Part 1: Home-coming: Exploring the Power, Presence and Pull of Home in a Pandemic

A. Humanity's exile began in Genesis 3

- a. Following Adam and Eve, we're naked, guilty, and hiding

- b. Our desire to be clothed, cleansed, and to come home

Part 2: Home-coming: Considering the Power, Presence and Pull of Home in the Parable of the Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-32

Part 3: Home-coming: Engaging Mainstream Media with the Power, Presence and Pull of Home in a Pandemic