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## **Brian McLaren: The Doctrine of Discovery "To Understand the Present, Study the Past"**

To understand what is happening in the United States today, we need to understand an important document from the 15th Century called "The Doctrine of Discovery." This series of edicts from Pope Nicolas V sent the kings of Europe into the world to conquer, convert, and enslave all nations. Sadly, relatively few people today know about the doctrine. Brian McLaren will read the document, explain its impacts, and invite conversation about how elements of this doctrine are still having an impact on church life and political life in America.



**Brian D. McLaren is an author, speaker, activist, and public theologian. A former college English teacher and pastor, he is a passionate advocate for “a new kind of Christianity” – just, generous, and working with people of all faiths for the common good.**

