“Weapons of the Spirit” The documentary is a bit old. It deals with the village of Le Chambon sur Lignon in central France during World War II. In that period, the villagers sheltered thousands of Jews at a time when Jews in France were being rounded up by the Germans and the officials of “Vichy” France [who were collaborating with the Germans] and sent to the death camps in Poland. In helping Jews, the villagers were taking great risks. Note that the village was predominantly Huguenot [Protestant] and that Protestants are a tiny minority in France. Jews are an even smaller minority: There were 300,000 Jews in France in 1940, of whom about 75,000 were killed by the Nazis. While some communities in France collaborated with the Nazis, the villagers of Le Chambon became famous for their resistance and their refusal to DIFFERENTIATE. Readings in class addressed the theme of social differentiation and who the “other” might be and the concept of the circle of human responsibility and obligation, as discussed in Christopher Browning’s book, Ordinary Men.