

Group notes

Date: 7 June 2020

Topic: Racism

UP: What has been positive about the past week? Any good news? What are you thankful for? Have you got a testimony of what God has done?

IN:

Genesis 1:27

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

1 Timothy 2:3-4

“This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

Romans 2:11

“For God shows no partiality.”

1. God created all people.
2. God loves all people.
3. God wants all people to be saved.
4. God has no favourites.

- ***If you could visit another nation & culture, where would you go?***
- ***What is unique about your ethnic group and culture?***
- ***What would you say are the main differences between nations, cultures and ethnic groups?***
- ***How would you Biblically describe how God feels about all people on earth?***
- ***How do you feel about all people on earth?***

John 15:12

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

Matthew 5:44

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...”

Matthew 6:14-15

“For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

God is calling us to:

1. Love all people.
 2. Forgive all people.
 3. Minister reconciliation.
- ***Do you have friends from another ethnic group or culture? How did you become friends?***
 - ***Do you find it easy or hard to love people from a different ethnic group? Why?***
 - ***What is your strategy to build cross-cultural relationships?***

OUT:

- Pray for each other, friends and family.
- Pray for the unsaved. Pray for a nation.