



THE CHRISTIAN IN TODAY'S SOCIETY

This past Sunday Pastor John continued in our sermon series titled “The Christian in Today’s Society” by focusing on the topic of race. In this week’s curriculum, we’ll be looking at what Jesus had to say about race and to consider what that might mean for the way we live in American society today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY FAIR

Happening this Sunday right after service! We are pre-ordering food and will be asking for a suggested donation of \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids. Please remind your lifegroup about this and encourage them to stick around as we don’t have many opportunities like this to hangout as a large church family. Feel free to bring lawn chairs and activities too.

SUNDAY SERVE TEAMS

We are coming to the end of our sign-up drive for the fall. Please take time in lifegroup, if you haven’t already, to have everyone fill out a form either through the Epicentre Church app or at epicenter.church/serve. We’d like everyone to fill out a form, even if they’re already serving, as it has space to update contact info and to tell us more about particular passions, interests, and skills.

FAMILY TIME

Take some time to share prayer requests and praise reports with each other and encourage folks to keep praying for each other’s prayer requests throughout the week and to believe that these will become future praise reports.

BIBLE DISCUSSION: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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Introduction Question: Have you ever experienced racism?

Key discussion questions:

- What might be the “worldly point of view” on race?
- What is the difference between the old and the new creation?
- What does being reconciled to God mean?
- What does it mean that we have been given “the ministry of reconciliation”?
- What does it look like for us to be Christ’s ambassadors?

Reflection Question: In what ways might I need to let go of my old or worldly point of view with regards to race? What might it look like for me to be Christ's ambassador and to have a ministry of reconciliation?

Small Group: Break up into groups of 3-4 to share how our thinking on race might need to change and how we can step into becoming the racial reconcilers we're called to be? Then take time to pray for each other in these things. Encourage the small groups to support each other as we all step out to be the ambassadors that our communities desperately need.

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