

Sermon: The Gospel Cure for Racism
Series: *Racism and the Gospel*

Scripture: John 17:18-26
Date: June 7, 2020

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

a) Read Acts 17:26. What does this verse teach us about mankind? About race? About differences? How does this verse teach unity in diversity?

b) How can you confront the sin of racism in your heart? In the world?

2) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Look at John 17:18-26 again. Why/How does our unity glorify God?

b) How is our unity a witness to the world of the salvation of God?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Read John 17:22 and 26. Jesus offers us glory and love as the cure for disunity. How do these two things keep us from racism (and all forms of “otherness”).

b) How can you spend time with Christ this week specifically to receive his glory and love? What might this look like in your life?

APPLICATION

a) How can you spend time with others who are different from you? How might you be intentional about seeking out these relationships? How can you “weep with those who weep?”

PRAYER

Praise God for unity in diversity through Christ.

Confess ways that you have turned people into “others.” Confess any racist mindsets.

Ask God to give you a deeper love for others, including a desire to understand their perspective and experience.