

Sermon: The Gospel and Racial Reconciliation
Series: *Racism and the Gospel*

Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22
Date: June 14, 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 through Ephesians 2:11-12. In what way was humanity divided? How does Paul describe that division?

2) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Read Ephesians 2:13-18. How did God, in Christ, end all division in humanity?

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

a) Go through the text together one more time and look for all the references to “in Christ” or “through Christ.” What stands out to you about your identity in Christ?

APPLICATION

a) We are racially reconciled in Christ – what does this truth mean to you personally?

b) We must strive for racial reconciliation in Christ – what is one step you can take to pursue racial reconciliation? Think about Akin’s Look, Listen, Learn, Live.

c) We are ministers of reconciliation – how does our racial reconciliation in the church help us to spread the gospel? Or, how are these two ideas connected?

PRAYER

Praise God for our reconciliation in Christ.

Confess ways that you have failed to promote reconciliation.

Ask God to empower us to pursue reconciliation and to be ambassadors of reconciliation in the world.