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Baptist Church

Small Group Curriculum
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This is US!

Getting-to-know-you questions:

For a new group:

Would you rather live where it only snows or the temperature never falls below 40 degrees?

For an established group:

How can we make racial reconciliation a central component of Christian life and ministry?

From the Message:

- 1) Do you agree that the church is not as inclusive as it should be? If so, where/why do you see it slipping into factions?
- 2) Paul/John/Jesus use different words to articulate what it takes to be part of the family of God (ie believe/confess/fait h/call on the name of the Lord etc.). How would you explain it?
- 3) Do you agree that each follower of Jesus has been sent to share with others so they can believe? Why or why not.
- 4) Since our acceptance by God into His family requires a decision of each one of us, how do we best begin to help others understand what is necessary and make that decision?
- 5) How should that change how we view others around us?
- 6) What do I need to work on to be more responsible in sharing with others?

Read:

Ephesians 2:1–10

And Or

Watch:

Gospel Unity, Race and the Gospel
Bryan Loritts & Matt Chandler

<https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/player/video/437634?session=437636&position=0>

Discuss from the readings:

- 1) In what ways might our lack of engagement across lines of ethnic difference demonstrate a problem in our understanding of the gospel?
- 2) In what ways does Ephesians 2:13 remind you of the grace that you have received from God and how you should extend grace to others?
- 3) In what ways can a grace-based gospel motivate us to embrace unity with those who are different from us?
- 4) What are some steps your community can take to create more dialogue about ethnic unity and explore ways to engage minority communities near you?

* Questions from RNM Study Guide

Discuss from the video:

- 1) In your experience, what are some of the reasons Christians from divergent backgrounds have struggled to live in community together?
- 2) In what ways do you think that you and other Christians could benefit from being in a community that is comprised of people from diverse backgrounds?
- 3) In what ways can a grace-based gospel motivate us to embrace unity with those who are different from us?
- 4) What are some steps your community can take to create more dialogue about ethnic unity and explore ways to engage minority communities near you?

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Prayer:

- 1) That we would not become divided or create division in the body.
- 2) That God would help us to care more about people that we don't agree with, etc.
- 3) That we would step out more to share with the world around us.