

RACISM AND BEING THE NEIGHBOR

Luke 10.25-37 // May 31, 2020

HOUSE ON FIRE

Silence in the face of evil is itself evil:

God will not hold us guiltless.

Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The "religiously good" men saw the beaten man, and not only did they pass him by, but they crossed to other side of the road to fully ignore him. "Not my neighbor, not my problem," they may have thought.

Imagine your home is on fire, and you call 911 to tell them. You begin to give them your address, and the dispatcher says, "we don't need your address because all homes are important." To say this misses the point of the 911 call! It is *your* house that is on fire *right now*, and doesn't at all minimize the value of other homes.

THE WATER WE SWIM IN

We are raised in a specific context, which makes it hard to see "the water we swim in." But we ought to see that though we may not specifically commit certain acts of racism or injustice, we do swim in water that we take for granted that gives us an advantage. Many rich kids don't know they're rich, because it's "normal." Many poor kids don't realize they are poor because it's "normal." Likewise, many white Americans don't realize the "head start" and privilege they have because it is "normal."

It is not enough to be silently non-racist.

We must also be vocally ANTI-racist.

JESUS, THE KING OF ALL COLORS

You will never lock eyes with anyone who was not made in the image of God. Jesus Himself came as a Middle Eastern Man, but not to only save other Middle Eastern men. Not just Jews, but Gentiles also. And God Himself is so glorious and wonderfully beautiful, that no one race could actually put His glory on display in a satisfactory way. It takes the multiplicity of ethnicities to properly begin to reflect is awesome beauty.

Revelation 7.9, 10



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Psalms 139:16

Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis** at amber@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis** at tyler@lifemission.tv.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the Memory Verse?

Read Luke 10.25-37. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

As you consider the story of the Good Samaritan, what aspect of the Good News is most comforting to you? How does the Gospel give us hope for what seems like a hopeless mission of fighting against racism and injustice?

Repent and Ask for Provision

This is a very sensitive and challenging topic. It is very personal for many reasons. What areas of your life or perspective might you think you need to either search out more, repent of, or come to terms with? What might you ask God for in order to help you be a part of the progress?

Your Life Mission

We are to be the neighbor. And of course, this is not just to our friends of color, but to everyone. In this time of chaos and high alert, how might you be able to reach out to your "neighbors" and humbly come alongside them and serve them? How could you become a part of the progress towards racial reconciliation, and celebrating the diversity of the body of Christ?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer Yielding with Thanksgiving for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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