



DON'T TALK ABOUT THAT

GENESIS
COMMUNITY CHURCH

HEART BEHIND THE SERIES

The world tells us that there are certain things we shouldn't talk about. Things like race, sexuality, money, and politics. But we serve a God who isn't silent on these issues and has made His heart known to us in the pages of Scripture. For that reason, we do not want to be silent on those issues either. We want to **REFLECT** well the heart of God as **REVEALED** in the Word of God so that the world would get to **SEE** God!

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

1. Pray for your Group
2. Read this weeks verses (**Gen. 1:27; Eph. 2:14, 16-17; Gal. 3:26-27; Rev. 7:9-10**) and assign them to your Group
3. Familiarize yourself with the discussion questions
4. Have a great Group!

THIS WEEK'S VERSES

- **Gen. 1:27** - ²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
- **Eph. 2:14, 15-16** - ¹⁴ For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. ¹⁵ He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. ¹⁶ Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death. ¹⁷ He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near.
- **Gal. 3:26-27** ²⁶ For you are all children* of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.
- **Rev. 7:9-10** - ⁹ After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they were shouting with a great roar, "Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!"

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

“These words beautifully describe the unique power of the gospel to reunite people from (and, for that matter, within) different ethnic groups. And it makes sense, doesn’t it? For in the beginning, sin separated man and woman from God and also from one another. When Christ went to the cross, he conquered sin, making the way for people to be free from its hold and restored to God. In so doing, He paved the way for all people to be reconciled to one another.” – **David Platt**

“The most destructive prejudices are hidden, packed so far down in our psyche that we don’t even know they’re there.” – **David Kinnaman**

“Implicit racial biases are the unconscious attitudes or stereotypes related to race that affect our perceptions, actions, and decisions. Our biases are not explicit or deliberate, yet they have enormous power over how we see society overall and individuals who look, speak, and live differently than we do.” – **David Kinnaman**

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. How can a human heart change? (**The Gospel**)
2. How have you seen or experienced racism?
3. What are some of the assumptions you have held about race? Were these good assumptions or bad.
4. How does God’s heart for people in Gen. 1:27 shape our heart for people?
5. Is it a good thing to be “color-blind” as it relates to race? Is God color blind? What is the first thing we should see in others?
6. What are some ways we can begin practicing the future reality in Rev. 7:9-10 now?
7. What impact could the Church of Jesus make on this issue if every Christian were living out the Gospel in their community? How can we be a part of the solution?



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