



Sermon series: Living for Jesus as the Nation Heaves

Text: various

Big Idea: To make a supernatural contribution to race relations in America will require more of white Christians than simply not harboring ill will towards people of color.

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The White Christian and Race Relations

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1. He Loves you *and* Them. John 3:16

- a. Groups are _____ . Genesis 11:5-9
- b. Groups _____ . Revelation 7:9-10
- c. But our view of groups and God's view of groups, tend to differ. His love for people _____
_____, while ours can be _____
_____. There's an _____ and a _____.

2. He Saved you to Love Them. Luke 10:25-28

3. In the Church "Us" and "Them" Evaporate. Ephesians 2:14-16

- a. Code excluded _____ - _____. Acts 10:34-36.
- b. Jesus not only changed the code, He changed _____ . Ephesians 2:14-16.
- c. Could Jesus do that between _____ and _____—or
between _____ and _____ whom we pray will one day
be _____ ?

Application

- **Remember** we were once the _____. Ephesians 2:11
- **Repent** of _____ & _____.
- **Repent** of our _____.
- **Realize** an _____.

To think about...

- Do you think there's a race problem in America? If so, what's the evidence that you see? What experiences have people of color who are your colleagues, friends, or relatives, shared with you?
- If not, what convinces you there's "nothing here to see"?
- Read Galatians 3:26-28 and describe what you think it has to say to you or to your church.
- 2016 findings of Public Religion Research Institute study showed that 75 % of white Americans don't have any close non-white friends. If you are white and your circle is almost exclusively white too, has that been intentional or would you say that you just haven't had opportunities?
- If you're in a church (like Keystone) that's mostly white, is there one key thing you think it might take for that to begin to change?