

Session



Personal Study Guide

Finding Our Way With Race

August 18, 2019

Introduction

- What passages from the Gospels can you think of that demonstrate Jesus' approach to race relations?

- Following Jesus' example from those passages, what are some helpful ways that you can pursue racial harmony in your home/workplace/school/etc.?

1. The Lamb Takes the Scroll (Revelation 5:8)

- When you consider the events of Revelation 4 and 5, how does your spirit respond? What feelings does it evoke in you?

- How did the heavenly beings respond immediately upon Jesus taking the scroll? What does that indicate about how believers should come to Jesus? How much does that resonate with how you typically approach Him?

2. A People Purchased (Revelation 5:9)

- Why is it important to understand that Jesus "purchased people" instead of just came and took them? How does the idea of ransom help?

❓ According to the words of the song, what people did Jesus purchase? Given all their differences, what bound those people together?

3. A Kingdom of Priests (Revelation 5:10)

❓ What are the implications of God's people from all races being formed into one kingdom? What does it mean to be part of that kingdom?

❓ How does it shape your understanding of eternity to know that God's people will reign on the restored earth?

Conclusion

❓ When you read about Jesus purchasing people from every tribe and language and people and nation, how does it make you feel to know you'll spend eternity with this group, if you are a believer in Jesus Christ?

❓ Who in your life has most effectively demonstrated selfless love of others from all backgrounds? What about that person's story has led to such a love for all people? What part of their practice and journey would you most like to emulate?

❓ How have you seen racial reconciliation among believers change over the course of your life as a Christ-follower? Does it encourage you or frustrate you?

Daily Readings

- Monday - Galatians 3:27-29
- Tuesday - Romans 1:16
- Wednesday - Ephesians 4:32

- Thursday - 2 Corinthians 5:16-19
- Friday - Acts 10:34-35
- Saturday - 1 Corinthians 12:13