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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[John 17:20-23, TPT]

"And I ask not only for these disciples, but also for all those who will one day believe in me through their message. I pray for them all to be joined together as one even as you and I, Father, are joined together as one. I pray for them to become one with us so that the world will recognize that you sent me. For the very glory you have given to me I have given them **so that they will be joined together as one** and experience the same unity that we enjoy. You live fully in me and now I live fully in them so that they will experience perfect unity, and **the world will be convinced that you have sent me**.

The glory, the essence of the church, is given, so that we might walk in unity.

We can't fix the sin problem; only Jesus can fix the sin problem.

Jesus came to destroy every act of segregation!

Look beyond the stat and see the story; Lives matter because they matter to Jesus! Indifference is the killer that is affecting us all.

[Revelation 7:9-10, TPT]

I looked again. I saw a huge crowd, too huge to count. **Everyone** was there—all nations and tribes, all races and languages. And they were standing, dressed in white robes and waving palm branches, standing before the Throne and the Lamb and heartily singing:

"Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!"

Everything that we need is on His table right now: grace, forgiveness, restoration, healing, acceptance, visions and dreams.

When people go to a new place, they look around to see if anyone else looks like them to see if they belong.

We cannot have the authority of God without the unity that is in His heart.

[Colossians 3:12, TPT]

"So robe yourself with virtues of God, since you have been divinely chosen to be holy. Be merciful as you endeavor to understand others, and be compassionate, showing kindness toward all. Be gentle and humble, unoffendable in your patience with others"

The mandate of The Father's House is to prepare for a significant move of God.

Never stop praying and modeling intercession for the next generation.

How to cultivate the conversation—

- 1. Invite someone to point out your "blind spots."
- 2. Educate yourself.
- 3. Speak up. *(James 4:17)*
- 4. Just listen.

Resource: The Third Option by Miles McPherson

[Isaiah]

"I will rejoice over Jerusalem and delight in my people. And the sound of weeping and crying will be heard in it no more. "No longer will babies die when only a few days old. No longer will adults die before they have lived a full life. No longer will people be considered old at one hundred! Only the cursed will die that young! They will not work in vain, and their children will not be doomed to misfortune. For they are people blessed by the Lord, and their children, too, will be blessed. I will answer them before they even call to me. While they are still talking about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayers! The wolf and the lamb will feed together. The lion will eat hay like a cow. But the snakes will eat dust. In those days no one will be hurt or destroyed on my holy mountain. I, the Lord, have spoken!""

FOR MONDAY-

- **1.** Pray that we become even more of the diverse, unified, and multi-generational church that is in the heart of Jesus.
- **2**. Invite someone accessible to speak into your blind spots.

TALK IT THROUGH

- 1. In your life, how do you personally invite and celebrate diversity?
- 2. What are you hoping the Church becomes (or expands into) as the lockdown lifts?
- 3. Why does the unity of the Church matter, as we witness to the world around us?
- 4. How do you look beyond a statistic and see a story? What does this look like to apply it to build the church, and how do we push the conversation forward in our community?
- 5. How is indifference a killer? How can the church be the answer? How can we educate ourselves in culture and justice?
- 6. The Table such a significant symbol of the church. What needs are met there? How can we find our place at the Table?
- 7. Who is coming and eating at your table?
- 8. Who have you invited to speak into your blind spots?