

# ONE ANOTHERING

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## EQUAL CONCERN

SERIES BIG IDEA:

**We love one another by being \_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Racism is rooted in the problem of the human \_\_\_\_\_, not in a system.**

- **Racial prejudices are the result of our sinful \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus came to redeem and \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Systems can't change someone's heart. Only a \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ can.**

**Regulations change our \_\_\_\_\_. Relationships change our \_\_\_\_\_.**

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

\_\_\_\_\_ **overcome racism.**

**I cannot be "\_\_\_\_\_ racist." I am either racist or \_\_\_\_\_-racist.**

<sup>12</sup>Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. <sup>14</sup>Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, <sup>24</sup>while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. <sup>26</sup>If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 21-26 (NIV)

**Because of our relationship with Jesus, we will have \_\_\_\_\_ for each other, regardless of our race or economic status.**

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

Micah 6:8 (NIV)

**I will show equal concern for others by:**

- **Acting \_\_\_\_\_ and coming to the aid of those who are \_\_\_\_\_ injustice.**

*This is what the Lord says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place.*

Jeremiah 22:3 (NIV)

- **Loving \_\_\_\_\_ and showing \_\_\_\_\_ even when I don't think it's deserved.**

<sup>36</sup>"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" <sup>37</sup>The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:36-37 (NIV)

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- **Walking \_\_\_\_\_ to build a relationship with them by putting their \_\_\_\_\_ ahead of my own.**

<sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup>not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. <sup>5</sup>In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:3-11 (NIV)

**In my relationships with those of a different race, will I have the same \_\_\_\_\_ as Jesus?**

**Who in my \_\_\_\_\_ is of a different race that I can invite into my home to build a relationship?**



## TEACHING SUMMARY:

Dr King said “Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it.”

Over the course of this series we have heard that if we are truly alive in God then we are to be for all others. We are to be for all others regardless of political affiliation, gender, lifestyle choices, or skin color. One way we can be for all others is standing against what stands against them. It is standing and saying that we are ALL image bearers of the King of all creation and we will not allow that to be defaced.

As we live through this important time in our nation’s story it is time for all of us to stand up for all of us and against anything that means harm to our brothers and sisters. So will you stand and say that because God is for you then so am I- regardless of our differences? Will you be against what stands in opposition to the image bearers of Christ? Will you stand and build relationships with those who are different than you to show the love of Christ and show that you are for them?

## TALK IT OVER:

Respond to the statement that you are either racist or anti-racist. Does it make you uncomfortable? Does it challenge you? What does it do in your gut?

Is it easy for you to take a stand on behalf of someone you don’t know? Does relationship make this easier?

What injustice do you see that you need to stand up against?

What is one next step you can take based on today’s teaching?

How can we be praying for you?

## FURTHER READING:

Day 1: 2 Corinthians 8:13-15

Day 2: Psalm 82:3-4

Day 3: Luke 18:1-8

Day 4: Jeremiah 22:1-5

Day 5: 1 Peter 5:5-7

Day 6: Matthew 23:8-12