

June 6th-12th

Lord Heal our Land

In this lesson you will learn three ways to bring healing to our land.

Intro: As Christians we are called to be advocates of reconciliation, and to love indiscriminately. We must be the first ones to reach our hands across the racial divide. We must see all people the way God does, and have a deep conviction of showing others how to love the way God loves us. In Second Corinthians the apostle Paul tells us to stop judging and evaluating others from a carnal (flesh/skin) point of view. We are to take up the joyful responsibility of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:19). Instead of letting our differences divide us, we need to unify and celebrate each other's uniqueness.

I. See with Eyes of Love

- A. Since the Fall of Mankind, sin has been a major part of the world system and the culture of the day (Rom 3:23). We must be vigilante to fight against the tendencies in us to; bully, be sarcastic, be prejudiced, and to look down on others. No one is beyond being tempted, but we can overcome that by crucifying the flesh and yielding to love. Love includes others and treats with respect and kindness. Who can you show love to today?

II. Listen with Ears of Love

- A. Get together with some friends of a different culture than your own this week. Ask those friends if they have ever experienced discrimination, hatred, or bullying. Listen to their stories, offer your support and comfort, and put yourself in their shoes. Let them know that they are not alone, and that you want to better understand so you can be a better advocate of God's love (Rom 12:15).

III. Walk in the Way of Love & Reconciliation

- A. Love defines us as Christians. Love is a verb, an action that responds in every situation. Love humbles itself and serves those around it. Start being a change agent in your community by bringing love and hope (Matt 5:13-16). Stop having a contentious attitude of us versus them. Start viewing all people as us. Be an advocate for God's love and healing in our land. You be the one to change the generational curse of racism. It starts with one.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you see a racial divide in this nation?
2. Are you offering your support to the disenfranchised?
3. What can you do to bring healing to your community?