

WEEKLY GUIDE

AUGUST 2020



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Gather together as a community in a comfortable setting (around a table, on the couch, the floor of a living room, etc.). Have somebody lead a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to lead and guide your time together.

Work through these questions together as a community (25 - 30 minutes)

- 1. What stood out to you in this week's teaching on racism? Was there anything that was specifically helpful or challenging to you?
- 2. Racism is a sin issue. Why do you think racism is at odds with God's ways?
- 3. Have you ever experienced any kind of discrimination, prejudice or racism? How did you handle it?

MESSAGE REVIEW

When you hear the term "racism," what images come to mind? Do you think of racism as a systemic problem that exists in the institutions of your own community? What would it mean for you to think of racism as idolatry—remembering that idolatry is not just an individual choice, but also a group activity to which people are tempted because the culture around them is doing it? Conversations around race can be uncomfortable for most of us. Conversations around race in the Church are no exception. This week we discuss how racism is a sin and offense to God.

PRAYER

God, will You break down the racial and social walls we've put up? Holy Spirit, reveal in our hearts any prejudice You want out. Give us the strength to love as You first loved us. Amen.

MENTOR ME TO MOVE

Talking through the weekly message helps you turn information into application. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you grow in community.

MOVE UP

Be With Jesus
Connect To Christ

MOVE OUT

Become Like Jesus
Connect To Culture

MOVE IN

Do What Jesus DidConnect To Culture To Christ

SCRIPTURE

Read the scripture

DISCOVER

Use the Sword Bible Study method to disc uss the message and reveal its meaning f or our lives.

- How have you been with Jesus this week?
- Are you obeying the word?
- How have you self emptied to become like Jesus this week?
- How are you loving others (spouse, kids, family, church family and your neighbors?
- When we choose to follow Jesus, we choose sacrifice over selfishness, the cross over comfort, and God's mission over maintaining the status quo. Have you done what Jesus did this week?
- Read the scriptures from Romans 10:12, Colossians
 3:11 Acts 10:34-35 and John 13:34-35
- What do we learn about God/Jesus/Holy Spirit?
- What do we learn about humanity in this message?
- Use "S.P.E.C." to discuss from the message if there is a:
 - Sin to avoid?
 - o Promise to claim?
 - Example to follow?
 - o Command to obey?

GOALS TO SET:

OBEY: Think of someone in need of encouragement. Commit to lifting them up in some small (or big!) way this week. We're all chasing something.

ABIDE IN: Read Revelation 7:9-10 and pray daily.

TRAIN: You need to train your disciples in this. If you don't have a disciple, who can you practice it with this week? Join us weekly on Wednesday for "Mentor Me To Move" disciple making training beginning on September 2, 2020 (**Zoom Code: 389-476-789**).

SHARE: "Who from your oikos map will you share this story/message or share the gospel with this week?"

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MOVEMENT KIDS PARENTING TOOLKIT

Hi, Parents!

If you're a anything like us you've used the phrase kids go outside a lot this week. We've even reinstituted quiet time in our home something we haven't done since the kids dropped their naps. Why? Because giving ourselves space helps alleviate tensions that naturally build especially with the close quarters of quarantine. But thank God this need for space doesn't apply to our relationship with Jesus it's actually his nearness that feeds our soul. It's our prayer this week that you and your incredible kids experience Jesus. And we hope this tool kit helps.

We love you and admire how you are leaving your family.

-Pastors Dre + Shawn Burgs

FAMILY CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:

- Do you remember the first time you realized people were different colors? What happened?
- How can we love our neighbors that are different colors (races)?

MEMORY VERSE

Read the memory verse. Take a moment to go over it with your Movement Kid(s) and repeat it. As you go through the week, remind your child about it, maybe reviewing it at breakfast or before bed. Ask your child what they think it means! The more we fill our hearts with God's word, the more we can be formed by the gospel.

And who is my neighbor?" Luke 10:29

PRAYER

- 1. If they haven't done so yet, ask your child if they want to say yes to Jesus' love and follow His teachings?
- 2. Thank You for loving us. Thank You for giving us the Bible so we can learn about Your love. Thank You for Your plan to show love to everyone all over the world. We are glad You love us so muchthat You sent Jesus. Please help us to learn more about You and to trust You more. In Jesus' name, amen.

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MOVEMENT STUDENTS

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

STUDENT CONVERSATION QUESTIONS:

- What are some prejudices (racial or otherwise) you've recognized in yourself? What will you do with them?
- Share an experience that helped you understand things from the perspective of another race.

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Who or how do you most identify with in the message and why?

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- What do we learn about God/Jesus/Holy Spirit?
- What do we learn from the people in this message?
- Use "S.P.E.C." to discuss from the passage if there is a:
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What keeps me from following/trusting Jesus today?