

**God's Attack on Racism
Beyond Borders – Part 4**
Life Church St. Louis – October 22, 2017
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Acts 17:26 (ESV) And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place,

Colossians 3:11 (ESV) Here [in the church] there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Matthew 22:39b (ESV) ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Revelation 7:9 (ESV) After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,

1. God _____ us to go

Jonah 1:1-2a (ESV) Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go ..."

A. Go to another _____

Jonah 1:2 (ESV) "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me."

B. _____ has consequences

Jonah 1:3 (ESV) But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

Jonah 1:12 (ESV) He said to them, "Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you."

C. God _____ those who pray

Jonah 2:1-2 (ESV) Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, saying, "I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.

2. God gives _____ chances

Jonah 3:1-2 (ESV) Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you."

A. _____ produces good fruit

Jonah 3:4-5 (ESV) Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

Jonah 3:10 (ESV) When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

B. _____ must be changed

Jonah 4:1-2 (ESV) But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.

C. We must love _____ peoples

Jonah 4:10-11 (ESV) And the LORD said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. How would you define racism? What is wrong with it?

Evolution teaches that different races of humans evolved at different times. How does Acts 17:26 refute this theory?

Why do external differences between people have no place in the church (Colossians 3:11)?

How does Jesus' command in Matthew 22:39b impact racism?

How should local churches reflect the heavenly scene in Revelation 7:9?

1A. In what ways does God call every believer to go and speak His Word (Jonah 1:1-2a)?

1B. What was God's purpose in sending Jonah to Nineveh (Jonah 1:2)?

1C. Why do you think Jonah fled in the opposite direction from Nineveh (Jonah 1:3)?

1D. What was Jonah thinking when he told the sailors to throw him into the sea (Jonah 1:12)?

1E. What does God's rescue of Jonah tell you about God's grace (Jonah 2:1-2)?

1F. How does the story of Jonah relate to our difficulty in being a witness for Jesus right here in St. Louis?

2A. Why did Jonah respond differently the second time God called him (Jonah 3:1-2)?

2B. How was the repentance of the Ninevites a great miracle (Jonah 3:4-5, 10)?

2C. Why was Jonah angry at how things turned out (Jonah 4:1-2)?

2D. What was God trying to teach Jonah with the plant (Jonah 4:10-11)?

2E. In what ways is racism based on selfishness and pride?

2F. How can a heart for missions to all peoples eliminate racism?

2G. Why should our church seek to reflect a diversity of ages, nationalities and races?