
Shady Grove

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To get the most out of this study we recommend that you read David Platt's book. To order your copy of the book go to lifeway.com and use ISBN 978-1-4300-4335-5 or item number 005758370. Books are available by hardcover or digital format.

Week 5: RACE

WELCOME EVERYONE TO THIS FIFTH GROUP DISCUSSION OF COUNTER CULTURE.

What was most helpful, encouraging, or challenging in your study of week 4?

What issues of race have you seen in the news lately? Share a recent news story related to racism or immigration.

To prepare to view the Video Segment, read aloud Revelation 7:9-10.

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, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

Revelation 7:9-10

WATCH The Video Lesson: Counter Culture Session 5

COMPLETE THE VIEWER GUIDE BELOW AS YOU WATCH SESSION 5.

From the very beginning, the story line of the Bible depicts a basic _____ behind worldly diversity.

Fundamentally, we're all part of the same _____.

A PICTURE OF UNITY AND DIVERSITY

1. See the _____ God has made.

- From the very beginning of the Bible, God is promising to bring His blessing not just to one people but to _____ the peoples of the earth.
- We work for ethnic harmony because of God's purpose in all of _____.
- God is most glorified when His people are most _____.

2. See the _____ Christ has paid.

- All of us who are a part of the human race are _____.
- We all need a _____.
- Christ shed His blood for every _____.

Over _____ people groups are still unreached.

- Christ shed His blood for every _____.

Over _____ languages still have no Bible.

3. See the _____ God has prepared.

- In the future we will _____ together in perfect harmony.
- In the present we now _____ together for unity in our diversity. [David Platt (2015). Counter Culture. LifeWay Press. Retrieved from <https://app.wordsearchbible.com>]

RESPOND

DISCUSS THE DVD SEGMENT WITH YOUR GROUP, USING THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

What was most helpful, encouraging, or challenging in this session? Why?

How does the issue of race relate to what we've already studied about gender?

How has the issue of race been wrongly defined?

How do Genesis 10 and Revelation 7 reshape our view of the issue of race?

How is defining someone by the color of their skin not only unhelpful but also eventually impossible?

How do we show a tendency, even with the gospel and our churches, to believe that we should focus on people like us?

How would you explain the need we all share regardless of ethnicity?

How does the gospel compel action related to issues of race?

How do issues of race open a door to conversations about the gospel?

Give examples of statements that relates the gospel to issues of racism and immigration.

THIS WEEK

Memorize Revelation 7:9-10 and pray for God to help you see all people as being created in His image. Begin looking for ways to intentionally build relationships with people who aren't from the same ethnic background as you. Identify ways your church can reach out to and include more people of various backgrounds.

READ week 5 and complete the activities before the next group experience.

READ chapter 8 in the book Counter Culture by David Platt (Tyndale, 2015).