

Galatians 3:27-29 English Standard Version (ESV)

27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. **29** And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Discussion/Journal Questions

Last week, we were challenged to show civility towards someone with whom we disagree politically. Were you able to do that? What happened?

In your own words, what are some of the ways Jesus' kingdom is "upside-down" compared to the world around us?

Read Acts 10:9-16. Use your imagination and try to put yourself in the place of Peter and Cornelius. What might they both have been thinking? What might they have been feeling?

Read Galatians 2:11-14. What happened here? Why did Paul oppose Peter?

Read Galatians 3:27-29. How have you witnessed or experienced racism, sexism, or classism personally?

In the sermon, John challenged us to identify our prejudices. This can be hard, because we like to think we are above this problem. But be honest, are there groups of people that you pre-judge and either avoid or distrust before you get to know them?

In addition to identifying our prejudices, John calls us to intentionally build bridges with those who are different from us. Name a group or an individual with whom you can work to build a bridge?

How can your group be praying for you this week?

Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?

Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?

Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?