



## Sermon Discussion Guide

September 5, 2021

### *Gracism: The Art of Loving those you may not Like*

#### Gather



... with your family

... with friends or your 3G Group on a Phone Conference or video call  
(eg. Zoom, Hangouts, House Party, FaceBook Watch Party)

#### Grow



Processing today's message...

- **Aha!** – What did you learn? What challenged you?
- **Uh-oh!** – What concerns did it raise?
- **Hmmm!** – What do you need to think about some more?

#### Dig a little deeper...

1. What are some of the ways that you have seen this season of Covid Divide Us in America?
2. How has the division impacted you personally?
3. What is the difference between Racism and other isms and Gracism?
4. Read Ephesians 2:14-16. How and why is reconciling people to each other central to the gospel message?
5. Read and reflect on 1 Corinthians 12:21-26. What does this passage teach us about Gracism?
6. Who or what kind of person do you find it most difficult to love right now? How do you need to grow as a Gracist?

#### Go – How can you BLESS your neighbor this week?



- Begin with Prayer
- Listen
- Eat
- Serve
- Share Your Story

# Body Building

## Gracism: The Art of Loving those you may not Like

1 Corinthians 12:21-26

America has a problem: Division – We have an ism problem.

**Racism:** speaking, acting or thinking negatively about someone else solely based on that person's color class or culture.

**Gracism:** (unmerited Favor) positive extension of favor on other humans based on color, class, culture, or ideology.

How To Become a Gracist?

1. I Need You.

2. I will Honor and Respect You.

Agreeing ≠ Respecting

3. I will Love and Care for you.

When I saw him from afar, I thought he was a monster.

When he got closer, I thought he was just an animal.

When he got closer, I recognized he was a human.

When we were face to face, I realized that he was my brother.