In God's kingdom there are no '______'

citizens.

Galatians 3:26,28 - So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.... 28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Christianity is not about making everyone ______ the same,

but to ______ like Jesus and worship Him together.

Revelation 7:9 - After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

Mark 7:24-30

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

The laws that were intended to make God's people

_____, became barriers that kept others from

Romans 2:28-29 - A person is not a Jew who is one only outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. No, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart.

God is uniting humanity under one common banner,

_____ in Jesus.

Matthew 15: 28 -Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." Galatians 3:7 - Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham (Jews).

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DISCOVERING JESUS: Going to the Dogs

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GETTING STARTED

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing for the rest of your life, what would it be? (besides money)

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"Jesus told her, "First I should feed the children—my own family, the Jews. It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs." She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even the dogs under the table are allowed to eat the scraps from the children's plates."// Mark 7: 27-28

Who do you think of when you think of an "outsider" or someone on the fringes of society?

STUDY & SHARE

1. Read and reflect on Mark 7:24-30. How did the passage apply to this week's message and what did you find interesting?

"There is no longer Jew or Gentile. Slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus. // Gal 3:28

2. Have you ever felt like an outsider? How did you feel when you were left out?

3. Read and reflect on Revelations 7: 9-10.

What can we do to break down some of the barriers and division that society has put upon us? What about some of those "dividers" you have put up yourself?

"In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us."// Col 3:11

SHINE TO OTHERS

4. As you reflect on this week's message and your time as a group, what is one thing you feel the Holy Spirit is asking you to address in your life?

SUPPORT // PRAYER

God, I pray that I always see others for their faith and their love for you. I pray I stop building walls between my friends and neighbors and seeing our differences and start seeing them as brothers and sisters.

Pray for those in your group as well as other needs within your group.

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