

Introduction:

1. Describe an experience you've had with people who are in a different ethnic group. Did any of your ideas about the group they belong to change? What did you learn?
2. In today's introduction Pastor Dave quoted "Repentance doesn't mean anything if you keep doing what you're sorry for." How does that connect to your own experience during this Lenten season?

Understanding:

3. Compare the people's laudatory reaction to Jesus in Luke 4:22 to how they act in Luke 4:28-30. What accounts for the huge difference?
4. Pastor Mike said diversity is hard because "the flesh knows no compassion; only comparison." Explain what that Pastor Mike meant by that and how it should guide our own efforts at diversity.
5. Read Ephesians 2:14-16. Which two groups have been made into one? How does the cross break down racial walls and remove hostility? How does it connect to our mission at Jacksonville Chapel?
6. Acts 13 describes a very diverse leadership team. Should diversity be the primary goal for Christians? Explain.
7. Titus 2:14 is talking about what Jesus did. In the light of today's sermon, how do you better understand who is "a people"?
8. Read Psalm 96. How does all the times this Psalm says "nations" connect with our teaching today?
9. John Piper says that unity in diversity is greater than unity in uniformity. Comment on this in the light of today's teaching.
10. Read Revelation 7:9-11. Here is a picture of eternity. What does it say about different ethnic groups in eternity? What do these groups have in common? What can you do to bring a taste of this eternal harmony into the present?
11. Pastor Mike talked about having Salad Bowl Theology, instead of Melting Pot Theology. How is this a helpful way to think about diversity in the Church?

Application:

12. Intentionally choose to listen to points of view that are broader than your own background. Be stretched. You may not agree with everything you hear. But your understanding and respect will increase!
13. Pray for opportunities and strike up conversations with someone different from you.
14. How can the Chapel reach out and join hands with people who are different from us in some ways, but are following the same Savior? Pray along with Chapel leadership about that.