

LET'S TALK

SERMON NOTES:

Children are not born racist, it's something that they learn over time.

If difference isn't valued then difference is feared. And what's feared is rejected.

1. Listen intently

If you don't acknowledge my differences, you won't appreciate my experiences

You lose what you don't confront.

2. Lean in personally

If we are all fighting for the same thing, then the disparity goes away.

3. Learn purposely

Ignorance is: I don't know, I don't understand.

Intention is: I know and I chose not to be involved. I know and I chose not to care. Or I know and I chose to be racist.

I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

— 1 Corinthians 9:22 (ESV)

I entered into their world and tried to experience things from their point of view.

– 1 Corinthians 9:22 (MSG)

The gospel message is for anybody, everybody and everyone.

Compassion isn't compassion without courage.

4. Love intentionally

Love is proactive.

How do you be a good neighbor?

Anything short of equality is not progress.

We will continue to legislate and incarcerate society in order to control the outcome, unless we are restored to the Father. - Tim Ross

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

– John 13:34-35 (NIV)

DISCUSSION GUIDE:

1. How did today's conversation make you feel?
2. Do you find yourself valuing differences in others?
 - If so, how?
 - If not, how can you make steps to change that?
3. Have you reached out to anyone that doesn't "look" like you lately?
 - If not, what's one way you can do that this week?
4. How can you better love all people from different backgrounds this week?