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Session Five

Family of Christ Lutheran Worldview Study

THEME

Every human being has equal dignity because every human being is created by God. Through Christ, people from every nation are brought together into one family and called to live out that unity in love.

Key Verse

Acts 2:1–21

Race Relations

**One Creator, One Human Family,
One Savior, One Church**

Creation, Sin, and Human Dignity

1. One Creator, One Human Family

Read: Genesis 1:26–27; Acts 17:26

Discuss

1. Where does our culture tell us human worth comes from?
2. How does Genesis 1:26–27 challenge those definitions?
3. How can Christians appreciate cultural differences without turning differences into divisions of worth?

2. Sin distorts how we see our neighbor

Read: James 2:1–9; Romans 3:23

Discuss

1. Why is it sometimes easier to see prejudice in others than in ourselves?
2. What is the difference between honest self-examination and assuming guilt for something we did not do?

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3. How does repentance change the way we approach difficult conversations about race?
4. What does Christian humility look like here?

3. God's plan has always included the Nations

Read: Genesis 12:1-3

God promised Abraham: "In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." God chose Israel as part of His plan to bring the Savior to **all nations**. The Gospel is not the possession of one ethnicity, culture, or nation. It is the Gospel of **Jesus Christ for all people**.

Discuss

Why is it important to understand that God's mission has always included people from every nation?

Christ, the Church, and the Gospel

4. Pentecost, One Gospel for Many Nations

Read: Acts 2:1-21

Discuss

1. What stands out to you about the diversity of people present at Pentecost?
2. Why is it significant that God communicates the Gospel in many languages?
3. What does Pentecost teach us about the mission of the Church?
4. How should this shape the way we view people from different cultures?

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5. One Savior, One Church

Read: Galatians 3:26–29; Ephesians 2:13–22

Discuss

1. How does the Gospel give us a deeper foundation for racial reconciliation than simply saying, “We should all get along”?
2. How does Baptism remind us of our identity in Christ?
3. How do the Word and Sacraments continually bring sinners back to Christ?
4. Why is it important that our unity begins with what Christ has done, rather than what we accomplish?

6. Does Our Church Reflect the Gospel?

Read: John 13:34–35

Discuss

1. What does genuine unity in Christ look like in a local congregation?
2. Are there people or communities we rarely interact with?
3. How can we practice hospitality across cultural or ethnic differences?
4. What is one practical step our congregation could take?

7. Christian Response - Word and Deed

Because Christ has reconciled us to God, we are called to love our neighbor.

Examine: Ask God to expose prejudice and partiality.

Listen: Learn from people whose experiences differ from our own.

Build Relationships: Worship, eat, serve, and fellowship together.

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Reject Contempt: Refuse racial jokes, stereotypes, and dehumanizing speech.

Stand for Truth: Do not ignore genuine injustice.

Practice Hospitality: Welcome people as fellow human beings created by God.

Keep Christ at the Center: Our hope is not ultimately in political solutions, social programs, or human wisdom. Our hope is in Christ.

Final Discussion: Where Does the Gospel Lead Us

Read: Revelation 7:9–10

Discuss

1. What does Scripture teach about the source of human dignity?
2. Where does the Law confront us in this discussion?
3. Where do we hear the Gospel?
4. How does belonging to Christ change the way we see people who are different from us?
5. What does it mean to live out our unity in Christ without demanding cultural uniformity?
6. What is one way you can better love your neighbor across racial, ethnic, or cultural differences?

Takeaway

Our worth is not ultimately found in race, ethnicity, nationality, achievement, politics, or social status. **Our worth comes from our Creator.** Our hope is not found in ourselves. **Our hope is found in Christ.** Our unity is not something we manufacture. **Christ creates His Church through His Word and Sacraments.**

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Therefore:

One Creator — who made us.

One Human Family — bearing His image.

One Savior — Jesus Christ.

One Church — united in Him.

