

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

I Have Questions / Why should I care about race?

WEEK 1

BECAUSE OF JESUS, WE CAN BE ONE WHEN WE'RE NOT THE SAME.

So God created
human beings in
his own image.

GENESIS 1:27a

DAY 1

PRAY // Every human being who has ever lived has something in common with everyone else. Want to know what it is? Well, the book of Genesis tells us that EVERYONE is created in God's image. No matter what someone looks like, where they're from, or how different they may be from you . . . we *all* reflect a little bit of what God is like. What would happen if you started believing this about everyone around you? How would you treat people if you believed they were created in the image of God, just like you? Today, ask God to help you see His image (traits, personality, uniqueness) in other people.



“Love one another.
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU,
so you must love
one another.”

JOHN 13:34b

DAY 2

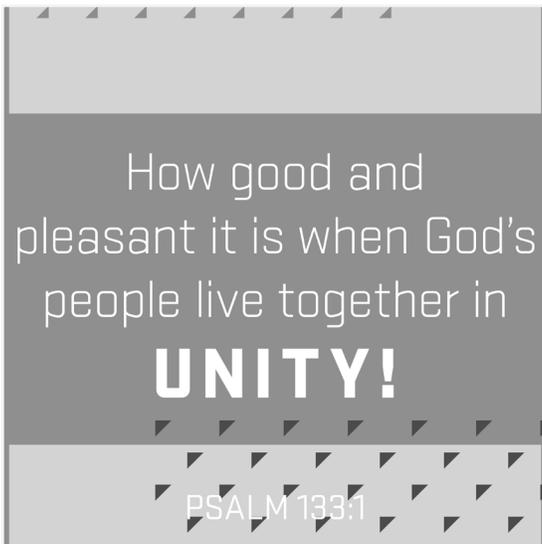
LIVE // One of the things that made Jesus so unique is the fact that He loved *all* people. He lived in a time and place in the world where people were divided by race, social class, and religion. Yet, He constantly chose to show love for people who were significantly different than Him. How did He do this? By talking with them, caring for them, and extending grace to them. This week, decide to live like Jesus by loving *all* people. How? By finding one way to love someone who is different than you—just like Jesus did time after time.





DAY 3

HEAR // Playing favorites is a pretty normal part of our lives. We all have favorite clothes, favorite foods, and even favorite people. Well, God is different than us in this and that's really good news. See, God doesn't play favorites with people. He likes and *loves* everyone. He loves people regardless of their physical appearance, style, and personality. This means that He likes you AND the person who is completely different than you. Today, think about how you might be showing favoritism—at church, at school, at practice, and even at home. Then imagine what it would look like if you didn't play favorites, but instead chose to like and love ALL people.



DAY 4

TALK // For us to truly be united with others, we have to be willing to learn more about those who are different from us. This means that we should be open to learning more about different cultures, races, and backgrounds. The more we understand about those who are different from us, the better we'll be able to find ways to connect with them. This week, have a conversation with someone, and genuinely try to learn more about them, their background, or their culture. Remember, unity is a great thing that's worth pursuing.



DAY 5

PRAY // The Church should be the most united group of people on the planet. The reason for this is that all Christians have something in common with one another: their faith in Jesus. All across the globe, people from every race, culture, and country believe in Jesus. This means that God's family is incredibly diverse, yet still united by Him. Today, ask God to help you appreciate the diversity of His worldwide Church. Also, ask Him to help you to love people from all races, social classes, and backgrounds as brothers and sisters in God's family—whether they go to your church or not.

