



Feb. 2/3, 2019

## Christianity: Famous or Infamous – Us vs. Them

### Review

#### *Main Points: Initial Thought/Reactions/Comments*

1. The Problem of Us vs. Them
2. The Lesson of Jonah
3. The Shepherd: The Grace of Jesus

### Reflect – Questions

1. **The checkered past of Christianity.** What have you heard about Christianity or Christians that doesn't make Jesus Famous but Infamous?
2. **The Problem.** Read Galatians 3:28 and Colossians 3:11. How have Christians struggled to live out those verses? Why do you think that it is? When you hear about the history of slavery and racism in our country (like the 3/5 principle), how do you process and to react to it?
3. **It is so easy to reduce the value of others (3/5ths) so that we can feel better about ourselves.** Who are some “types” of people you are most likely to put in a bucket, like Joe referenced, and see as less than yourself? Who are your “Us vs. Them”? Give your group a chance to reflect personally before sharing.
4. **The Lesson. Read John 1:3-4.** What is the lesson of Jonah, and how does that hit you? How do you see yourself getting in the same boat?
5. **The Shepherd. Read John 10:11-15.** Like a sheep to the Good Shepherd, two things happen: grace comes to us, and grace flows from us. How does the grace Jesus gives change the way we see, treat, and love those different from us? How well do you do this?

### Respond

1. **The 21-Day Prayer Initiative.** We are starting 21-day church initiative called Unified. Pick up a copy at church, or you can find it online as well.
2. **Infamous or Famous challenge** – pursue someone who is different from you and show them hospitality and grace this month. Drop off your card in the offering.

### Pray

Go around as a group and ask for prayer requests. Pray as a group together unity together and unity in this church.

## ***Announcements***

### **Reconciliation Interactive Experience**

Come to this beautiful multi-sensory, hands-on experience to immerse yourself in the real biblical meaning of reconciliation and ignite your passion for sharing it with others. It's about a 40-minute experience at The Block. Consider going as a group.

Feb. 6. // 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Feb. 7 // 11:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Feb. 8 // 2-8 p.m.

**Just Worship: Sunday, February 24 // 6-7:30 p.m.** We will cap off our 21-day prayer initiative for unity with a Just Worship Night. No need to register.

**Book:** Joe mentioned a book called *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby if you are interested in reading it.