

RECONCILE

Theme:

God wants to heal our racial and ethnic divisions, especially in and through the church.

Recap:

BEGIN – God calls the church to be a counterculture for the common good.

DWELL – When we live closely with others, we find new opportunities to serve others.

UNITE – We serve more effectively and joyfully when we serve together.

FBC's SHARE Plan: Uniting together for service in ways that cast light on the coming Kingdom. SHARE Plan projects reflect one or more on the following Kingdom values:

- **Security:** God's coming Kingdom will be a place of absolute security. There will be no more evil. Revelation 21:3-4
 - **Health:** In God's Kingdom our bodies will enjoy perfect health. Philippians 3:20-21
 - **Abundance:** In God's Kingdom we will enjoy prosperity and fullness. Micah 4:4
 - **Relationships:** God's Kingdom will be a place of rich community. Zechariah 3:10
 - **Equity:** In God's Kingdom all wrongs will be righted and justice will reign. Isaiah 9:7
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Classificationitis

As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the "sinners" and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" Mark 2:14-16

What about Israel?

The Lord had said to Abram ... "I will make you a great nation and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Genesis 12:1-3

"This call for a world-wide fellowship that lifts neighborly concerns beyond one's tribal, race, class and nation is in reality a call for an all-embracing and unconditional love for all men". Martin Luther King Jr.

The Kingdom and the Nations

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." Revelation 7:9-11

Worth Fighting for

There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:27-28