

Equality

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THINGS THAT
MATTER

Reading/Group Discussion

Begin with prayer

As you begin your gathering, have someone open your time by praying the Holy Spirit would lead and guide your time together.

Read this overview

The last several months have been a doozy...to say the least. From the COVID-19 crisis, to racial unrest in America reaching international attention, we've witnessed unprecedented change and tension in our country. During the chaos, we've been reminded of the importance of certain values—and while we've always known they mattered, 2020 has highlighted their significance as never before.

This past weekend Dan and Darnell taught us about equality and how, "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

As we dive into our conversation today, we'll discuss how we should see each individual as our equal because each person is made in God's image.

Scripture + Discussion

Have someone read **Galatians 3:1-29**. Then, talk through the questions below.

- How did this sermon deepen your faith? How did it challenge you?
- Who are the people in your life who you tend to not see as an equal? Are they those of a different socio-economic status, ethnicity, race, political party, personality, etc.? What feelings do you have when thinking about them? Explain why you think that's the case.
- What is it about that person or those kinds of people that keeps you from seeing them as equals?
- How have your past experiences informed how you presently view the kinds of people you have a hard time viewing as equals?
- When are times in your life you have contributed to inequality?
- What is God inviting you into as a result of your reflections this week?

Accountability

Take some time again this week to split your group into smaller or gendered groups and share your answers to the questions below. Be sure to follow up on anything that was shared last week.

- When in your life have you contributed to the discrimination of another in either thought, word, or deed?
- Is there any discrimination you need to confess right now?
- What do you think led to that kind of discrimination?
- What has your time in the Scriptures been like? In prayer?
- Where have you wrestled with temptation this week?
- What sins do you need to confess right now?
- Have you been 100% honest?

Finish with prayer

You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close your time together by interceding for the requests that were shared.