

Faith in Action: Racial and Social Divisions

Companion Resource for How the Church Can Model Reconciliation



Scripture Foundation

- Ephesians 2:14 — For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.
- John 17:21 — That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.
- James 3:16 — For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

Reflection Questions

1. Where do you see division (racial, cultural, political, generational) in your own church or community?

2. How does Satan use division to weaken the witness of the church?

3. What does unity in Christ look like in practical, everyday life?

4. Who could you intentionally build a relationship with across cultural or social boundaries?

Personal Action Steps

- Pray this week specifically against division in the church and ask God to strengthen unity in Christ.
- Reach out to someone different from you (racially, socially, generationally) and invite them into a conversation, meal, or fellowship opportunity.
- Commit to reading a book, listening to a testimony, or joining a group that helps you understand perspectives outside your own.
- Look for one opportunity to serve in unity — whether it’s volunteering, mentoring, or community outreach — with people who are not like you.

Church/Group Action Steps

- Host a reconciliation-focused prayer night or discussion group where people can listen to one another’s stories.
- Begin integrating diverse voices in worship, leadership, and teaching.
- Partner with another congregation across racial or cultural lines for a joint outreach project.
- Preach and teach regularly on unity as a core part of the Gospel, not a side issue.

Stories of Hope

Remember Marcus’s story: at first hesitant, he discovered deeper faith and lasting friendships through a diverse small group. There are “Marcuses” all around us—people waiting for an invitation into God’s bigger, broader family. Will your church be the one to invite them in?

Unity is more than about community. Unity is about resisting Satan’s schemes and declaring Christ’s victory. Every act of reconciliation strengthens the unity of the church, and every act of unity pushes back the darkness.

Commitment

This week, I will take one action step that unifies the Body of Christ.

Action Step: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____