

Let Justice Roll Down

Justice & Race: II Corinthians 5:14-21

Discussion Points

November 5, 2017

Read & Reflect

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. You may have to read it twice to catch the flow of Paul's thought. Perhaps read the passage in another version to catch nuances or emphases. What catches your attention?
2. Read the following two passages: Galatians 3:26-29 and Ephesians 2:11-22. What parallels do these passages have with 2 Corinthians 5:11-21?

Explore

3. Where have you tended to place your identity? What has it meant to you to place your identity in Christ? How has it changed your view of others?
4. What are some of the stereotypes with which you identify people in your community? How do those generalizations place barriers in a personal relationship with them? Speak of a time when those barriers came down? How did that change your perspective or attitude?
5. What radical impact can the gospel of Jesus Christ have upon social barriers in our church? In our community? What role might you have to play in that change?
6. How familiar are you with people from our "First Nations?" Are you aware of the "Indian Residential School" history? What do you think of Canada's "Truth and Reconciliation" process? Is it necessary? Is it effective? You can learn more at <http://nctr.ca/about-new.php>.
7. What general attitudes and thoughts do you have about race relations when it comes to immigration and refugee settlement? You can learn more about that at <http://www.cpj.ca/refugees>.

Pray:

- Pray that you can more and more find your identity in Christ alone, and that it can impact the way you regard people of different backgrounds.
- Pray for people in the Abbotsford community who are from a "minority group" or who are of different ethnic backgrounds and those who are refugees, that they may find hospitality and peace within this community.
- Pray that more and more the church (New Life Church) can reflect the diversity of our community and celebrate the embrace of people of all nations, and that through the power of the gospel freedom and peace may reign, through Jesus Christ.