

Season Five - Week 4

Interracial Harmony

As disciples, we share in Jesus' mission of saving love and are challenged to put our love and service into action.

Honoring Diversity — Many of us carry prejudice within ourselves, and we are all impacted by racism. As Christians, we are called to respect the gifts of all people. It is time for us to look honestly at the conscious and unconscious prejudices that we harbor so that, together, we can launch concrete efforts to recognize and overcome prejudice and racism.



- ♦ **John 4: 4-42** Jesus taught by word and example his commitment against prejudice and discrimination between members of different racial, ethnic and religious groups.
- ♦ **Luke 10: 29-37** Jesus' parable of the "good Samaritan" has become a model for Christian relationships which should never be limited by issues of race, ethnicity, or religion.

"All men [sic] are called to belong to the new People of God. This people, therefore, while remaining one and only one is to be spread throughout the whole world and to all ages in order that the design of God's will may be fulfilled: he made human nature one in the beginning and has decreed that all of his children who were scattered should be finally gathered together as one....The character of universality which adorns the People of God is a gift from the Lord himself whereby the Catholic Church ceaselessly and efficaciously seeks for the return of all humanity and all its goods, under Christ the Head in the unity of his Spirit."

(Quoted from Lumen Gentium #13, Catechism of the Catholic Church, 831)

Reflect

What is God asking of me in this time, in our country, in order to live in harmony? How can I manifest the unity of the Spirit to which I have been called?