

2020 SPIRITUAL GROWTH CHALLENGE
September 20 - 26, 2020
One Series
Step Across A Divide



5G LIFE:



GOD



GROW



GATHER



GIVE

GO

GOD – TALK AND LISTEN TO GOD DAILY.

Group & Personal Prayer Request for the week:



GROW - APPLY WHAT YOU ARE LEARNING FROM THE BIBLE.

GATHER - GATHER WITH A SMALL GROUP OF CHRIST FOLLOWERS TO LEARN HOW TO LIVE IN BIBLICAL COMMUNITY.

BIBLE VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

"From one man, (God) created all the nations throughout the whole earth." Acts 17:26a NLT

SUGGESTED BIBLE READING:

Note: You can download the YouVersion Bible App to access the Bible and Bible reading plans. We recommend starting with the New Living Translation of the Bible.

Monday – John 1
Tuesday – John 2
Wednesday – John 3
Thursday – John 4
Friday – John 17

WORSHIP SONGS

Open Up The Heavens by Vertical Worship
Build My Life by Pat Barrett
Good Grace by Hillsong United

1) List the different ways we are divided in our country and world. What are your thoughts on some of the major differences affecting our nation today – specifically politics and ethnic divisions?

2) Read John 4:1 - 42. Why do you think Jesus stayed at the well instead of going in to get food with His disciples? Explain the differences between Jesus and this Samaritan woman and the significance of that to this encounter.

3) How did this woman know that Jesus was a Jew? Since Jesus didn't hide His Jewish heritage from this Samaritan woman – how should we feel about and interact with our cultural differences?

4) Read Acts 17:26. How many races are there in the world? Why is that significant?

5) Why do you think Jesus revealed His Deity to this Samaritan woman who was an outcast in her community? What does that tell us about God? What does that tell us about humanity?

6) Describe what Jesus did to close the divide between Himself and the Samaritan community of Sychar. How can we apply that same strategy today? How can you apply that same strategy in your life?

GIVE - GIVE OF YOUR TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURES TO ADVANCE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

GO - TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS WITH YOUR LIFE AND WORDS.

Find a way to celebrate someone from a different culture this week.

Ask someone this week about their cultural background. Ask how that culture has impacted who they are today and how they see the world.



RESOURCES ON UNITY

Book and small group study by Dr Tony Evans called “Oneness Embraced.”

Message by Andy Stanley called “This Human Race.”

Sermon series by Craig Groeschel called “God – Help Us Unite.”

Additional resources at Northpoint.org/race.



MESSAGE OUTLINE

We have a terrible tendency of ranking and labeling people and then treating them based on those rankings.

“From one man (God) created all the nations throughout the whole earth.”

We should celebrate our ethnicity and other ethnicities because God created them and He loves diversity.

KEY TAKEAWAY

Jesus purposefully crossed every divide we create to bring value and worth to everyone.