Martin Luther King Weekend

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**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Thinking back on this week’s sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. Read **Genesis 12:1-3** and **Revelation 5:9-10**. What part of the Abrahamic covenant (Gen 12) do we see fulfilled in Revelation 5? How does this excite you?!
3. Read **Revelation 7:9-17**. Does Grace church reflect this? Does the church in America reflect this?
4. Read **Ephesians 2:11-22**. Discuss how Jesus broke down the walls that divide us and how we can continue that work by His power and in His Spirit.
5. Ask yourselves- is wall-breaking peace part of what God has called the Church to? If so, how do we as individuals live that out and how do we as a local church live that out?
6. Did anyone read and reflect on the life of MLK that would like to share something?
7. What would it look like for us to love Christ with all our heart, soul, mind, strength and to love and treasure all people?
8. BONUS material:
   1. Discuss the following statement: “*We will not become a racially diverse church until our everyday lives reflect one of racial divers*ity.” Do you agree with that? Why or why not?
   2. Watch the following clip, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1q881g1L_d8>
      1. Have we made any progress in this, or is this statement from Dr. King just as true today?
   3. Watch Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smEqnnklfYs>
      1. How does watching this speech make you feel? Is this dream a reality yet?

**Next Steps:** What does it look like to be a unifier and to use your influence to pursue racial reconciliation?

**Prayer Thought:** Pray for ourselves and for our churches- that we would be Revelation 7 churches.

Praise God that His plan has always been one of redemption and reconciliation- first with Him and then with each other.

Confess areas of prejudice, of fear, of bitterness. Confess apathy, lack of empathy, and anything that keeps walls in place in your heart and mind.

Thank Jesus for the work He did on the cross. Thank Him for the gift of His Spirit who gives us wisdom and power to act in His Name.

Ask God to give you eyes to see and ears to hear. Ask Him to give you ready heart, hands, feet to be His ambassador to all people.