



Be In On It | Jimmy Rollins | 6.14.20
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

Who is your favorite Disney hero or heroine? Would you trade places with them?

SHARE

Welcome back to Group. This week we had an incredibly important conversation about racial reconciliation with our good friend, Jimmy Rollins. But before we dive in, take a few minutes to answer these questions.

Rate your week on a scale of 1 to 10. Why did you pick that number?

What is one thing you feel like God is currently teaching you?

What is one challenge you are facing this coming week?

What was the most inspiring thing that happened to you this week?

GROW

Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

What are your honest thoughts on the topic of racial reconciliation?

What emotions does this topic stir up for you? (anger, confusion, anxiety, etc.)

Unity is one of our core values of Red Rocks Church. We believe that we are a bunch of imperfect people pursuing a perfect God together, which means there is room for EVERYONE at the foot of the cross.

In days like these, the world is looking to the Church to step in and bring unity out of the division, and racial reconciliation is the perfect place to start. In fact, on the very first page of the Bible, we read that God created all human beings in His image. Any hierarchal structure we've created based on ethnicity goes against God's design of His creation (Genesis 1:27). We believe all human beings are created in the Image of God, and we want to be a church that helps to build the bridge that brings us all together!

The Apostle Paul understood this. He spent the last few decades of his life going to great lengths to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth, traveling further than anyone before him, and entering into cities with diverse cultures that looked very different from his. In the passage you just read, he gives us some of the ground rules he set for himself to help him enter, experience, empathize, and engage with every culture.

As Jimmy told us this week, when we get saved, "our ethnic culture becomes a subculture of the Kingdom culture." So, we celebrate our ethnic culture, but we also enter and experience the ethnic culture of others. As Paul writes, "I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some" (1 Corinthians 9:22). If we are going to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we have to give up our comfort and build relationships with people who may not look like we do.

What does it look like for you to "become all things to all people"?

Is there someone God is placing on your heart right now that you need to reach out to this week? If so, what is one practical step you can take to reach out?

M O V E

Read Matthew 28:16-20

What background information do you know about this passage? Who is Jesus talking to? When is he speaking to them?

Right before He ascends into heaven, Jesus gives his disciples a job to do; we call it the Great Commission:

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20)

As a church, we never want to be comfortable staying put. We always want our eyes to be on the horizon, focusing on reaching far beyond our own backyard! For some, that may mean moving to some unreached people group somewhere. But for most of us, our job is to use the resources we have right in front of us to spread this message far beyond the walls of our church!

As Jimmy reminded us this week, “Jesus has given us ALL authority for ALL people, so if we are only going after some people, we are only experiencing some authority.” The Gospel is for everyone, so let’s step up this week and begin building some bridges for the Gospel!

What do you think the ministry of reconciliation looks like for you personally?

What is one practical way you can work to bring reconciliation in the world this week?

Let’s take some practical steps to reach people we wouldn’t typically reach by completing this week’s take home assignment.

Take-Home Assignment: THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

The Gospel is for ALL people. Take a few minutes to tell your group how you are planning to follow the Great Commission this week by entering into the lives of people who don’t look like you, taking time to experience their life, so that you can empathize and engage with them.

Think of one practical step you can take for each of these categories:

Enter:

Experience:

Empathize:

Engage:

P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate calls to share more freely.

T O G O

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27