



Rock Church rGroup Guide

Pastor Miles McPherson | The Third Option | May 31, 2020

D12 Monthly Focus for May: Demonstrates a Spirit-Filled Expression of My Gifts

Sermon Application from Sunday's Message:

On Sunday 5/31, Pastor Miles addressed the current social crisis of racism in America and the death of George Floyd. Pastor Miles spoke about his book, "The Third Option," and he preached out of Joshua 5:13-15 showing how we need to ensure that we are always in God's will. Some of the practical next steps that we can take in confronting racism are to acknowledge our blind spots, rename "those people" as your "brother"/"sister", acknowledge our "brothers"/"sisters" color, view every "conversation" as a race conversation, and finally give our heart to those "not like us!".

Take time to read through the following statements and discuss the questions below in your group.

- What race or ethnicity are you, and how do you identify?
- Describe the first time you were conscious of your ethnicity and what it communicated to you about yourself, your family, and others in your group.
- What did you learn about other ethnicities or races from the stories that those in your group just told?
- What are some barriers in your heart that have prevented you from engaging with "others"?
- What would help you develop a more honorable understanding and relationship with those you describe as "others"?
- What is one way you can commit to experiencing someone else's culture to learn more about their race or ethnicity? For example, you may choose to visit a different church, attend a cultural festival, dine at an ethnic restaurant, travel to another country, etc.

Next Steps:

- **Text INFO to 52525 to learn more about the Third Option and explore other opportunities to get connected to the ministries at the Rock Church.**

Monthly Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 14:12 “Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.”

This Week’s Bible Reading / The Bible Project Videos

Job 8-24 – <https://bibleproject.com/explore/job/>

Psalms 67-72 - <https://bibleproject.com/explore/psalms/>

