

March 29 Online Worship Student Ministry Resource

Students and parents of students, feel free to use all or part of the below resource as a piece of your worship this morning.

1. **Watch** this Bible Project video from the beginning to the 3:37.
- This provides some context to the passage I recommend reading this morning.

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RUFh_wOsauk

2. **Question:** If someone asked you what eternal life is, what would you tell them?
3. **Read** John 17:1-23 (It might be helpful to read it twice if your family is up for it).
4. **Question:** What does Jesus say is eternal life in this passage?
5. **Question:** In v. 13, Jesus says that he is praying what he is praying while he is still in the world so that the disciples might have the full measure of his joy within them. What do you think Jesus' "full measure of joy" looks like? What leads to having such joy?
6. **Question:** In v. 23 what does Jesus say will lead to "the world [knowing] that you (God the Father) sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me?"
7. **Read** the following quote from Virginia Tech professor James C. Klagge:

"The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., once said "it is appalling that the most segregated hour of Christian America is eleven o'clock on Sunday morning." How much have things changed?"

The Multiracial Congregations Project, led by Michael Emerson, a Rice University sociologist, defines a multiracial congregation as one where no one racial group is more than 80% of the congregation. Using that standard, Emerson has found that only 8% of all Christian congregations in the U.S. are racially mixed to a significant degree: 2-3% of mainline Protestant congregations, 8% of other Protestant congregations, and 20% of Catholic parishes...This seems especially surprising since Jesus made an effort to cross cultural boundaries in his ministry, and Paul made Christianity the first voluntary multi-ethnic organization by insisting that Gentiles as well as Jews should be part of the growing Christian churches."

8. **Question:** What keeps believers in Jesus separated today (not just racially, but in other ways as well)? What could you do to help believers be less separated and more unified?

9. **Question:** Are there other parts of this passage that stand out to you? Discuss them together.

10. **Listen** to any or all of the below

“Father, Let Your Kingdom Come” by Urban Doxology (fun example of multi-cultural worship)

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHIGm7qYVz4>

“Make Us One” by Jesus Culture

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eLCdsR3DwbQ>

“Bind Us Together Lord”

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muXncRB3Ebg>

11. **Close** by reading aloud and together this prayer, adapted from Colossians 3:13-14 (NIV).

Lord,

Would you enable us to bear with each other, and to forgive each other when any of us has a grievance against another.

Would you equip us to forgive as you, the Lord, forgave us.

Would you empower us to, over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Amen.