



PART 2: *One* WITH OTHERS

WEEK 4: EMPATHY

WARM UP 1: Have you paid much attention to the George Floyd / Black Lives Matter protests over the past week? What do you make of it all?

WARM UP 2: Why does 'difference' cause such an issue in human relationships?

1. Read John 17:20-23. The intimacy within the Trinity is so good, Jesus wants us all to experience it! What examples can you think of that demonstrate the close relationship between Father, Son and Spirit?
2. Read Philippians 2:1-11. Jesus showed us the way to experience true intimacy with others starts with humility and understanding. What does it look like for us to follow his example in our close relationships?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. Paul definitely followed Jesus' example! Why is empathy so important when developing relationships with non-Christians in which the gospel can be shared? (*Bonus: read Philippians 1:3-11 to see the type of intimate relationship that develops as a result!*)
4. Read Romans 12. This chapter is full of instructions about living with empathy and experiencing intimacy with others. What stands out to you? How can you put it into practice in your life?
5. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. Remember, Jesus can empathise with us (including our weaknesses and failures) because he experienced life as a human. What mercy and grace do you need to ask Jesus for today?

PASS IT ON: Who in your life needs to hear this truth?