



# TENSIONS

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STUDY NOTES || SPEAKING PASTOR TIM HOWEY

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**1 Corinthians 15:1 NKJV**

## Our Sinfulness, the World System, & the Gospel

- The heart is deceitful above all *things*, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? **Jeremiah 17:9 NKJV**
- Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do *they* not *come* from your *desires* for pleasure that war in your members? **James 4:1 NKJV**
- Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.” **John 7:24 NKJV**
- For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. **1 John 2:16 NKJV**

## Jesus’ Blood, God’s Kingdom, & the Gospel

- But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.  
**Ephesians 2:13 NKJV**
- For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, **Ephesians 2:14 NKJV**

- After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, **Revelation 7:9 NKJV**
- and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" **Revelation 7:10 NKJV**
- Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. **Matthew 6:10 NKJV**

## The Church, Racial Reconciliation, & the Gospel

- Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, **2 Corinthians 5:18 NKJV**
- that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another. **1 Corinthians 12:25 NKJV**
- And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*. **1 Corinthians 12:26 NKJV**
- Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." **James 1:27 NKJV**

## ARC -- A-wareness, R-elationship, C-ommitment

### Racial Awareness Resources

1. Bible - [The Good Samaritan](#) (Luke 10:25-37)
2. Grace Message - [Race](#) (2020)
3. Grace Message - [Race](#) (2017)
4. Grace Study - [Race throughout Church History](#) (Tue 4/27 at 5:30p)
5. Panel Discussion - [Racial Reconciliation](#) (2021)
6. Book - [Be the Bridge](#) (Latasha Morrison)
7. Book - [Bloodlines](#) (John Piper)
8. Dance Theater - [Underground](#) (Störling Dance)
9. Driving Tour - [Dividing Lines](#) (VoiceMap App)

But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" **Luke 10:29 NKJV**

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## NURSERY

JESUS CARES  
THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Toddlers are ready and willing helpers! Helping others gives toddlers a sense of self-satisfaction and allows them the opportunity to reach out to others and experience the good feelings that come from showing they care. It's important to help toddlers see that Jesus cares for us and wants us to care for others, too. The lessons in this series will encourage your toddler to look for ways to help others and show that they care.

**Memory Verse:** "Jesus Cares." 1 Peter 5:7 (adapted for toddlers)

**Heart of the Lesson:** Jesus Sends People to Care For Us

**Parent Engagement:** Care for a bear today! Get your toddlers favorite teddy bear or stuffed animal. What are some ways that you can show care for your bear? Try brushing it's fur, wrapping it in a warm blanket, etc. Remind your toddler that Jesus sends people to care for us.

## GKJR

THE EARLY CHURCH  
RESURRECTION THROUGH PETER

This month in GKJr we will be learning about Easter through Peter. We'll talk about how Jesus is alive and what we are called to do next. We'll start discussing the early church and what it means to tell other people that Jesus really is alive.

**Memory Verse:** 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. Matthew 28:19

**Heart of the Lesson:** Tell Everyone About Jesus - Pentecost - Acts 2

**Parent Engagement:** Ask your preschooler, "Did you know not everyone speaks English?" Spend a few minutes looking up different ways to say hello in different languages. Remind your kid that in today's story the Holy Spirit helped the disciples speak in languages that they didn't know so that all of the people listening could understand them and learn about Jesus.

## ELEMENTARY

## Joyful Noise



We were created to worship! It's the most important thing we can do. No, that doesn't mean we are just called to sing really loudly, but we are called to make a joyful noise in everything we do. In this series, we are going to be talking about what worship is and who is the most deserving of our worship!

**Memory Verse:** Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands Psalm 100:1

**Heart of the Lesson:** When we stop and think about God, is when we start worshiping Him. Deuteronomy 6, Luke 17:1-11. Act 16

**Parent Engagement:** We live in such a fast paced world. Between school, homework, clubs, sports, friends, family, parties... it can be HARD to slow down and even remember God. As a family come up with a strategy that helps you slow down and reminds you to pause and think about God (ex. A post it note, a reminder on your phone, changing the background of a tablet, a drawing on the fridge).

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HE > ME



We were created to worship, and we are all worshipping something whether we realize it or not. This world has so many things constantly calling for our attention and love, but there is only One who is worthy of our worship. In this series, we are going to be talking all about worship including what it is, how we do it and who is the worthy One.

**Memory Verse:** "He must become greater and greater and I must become less and less." John 3:30

**Heart of the Lesson:** When do you think about God? - Deuteronomy 6, Luke 17:1-11, Act 16

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