**We Will Overcome Revelation 5:1-10**

**MLK Weekend**

For the week of 1/16/2017

**P** - Participation (get everyone involved in the dialog)

* Share one thing that the Lord revealed or ministered to you about the message that impacted you most.

**A** - Application (makes it personal)

* Two questions from the sermon:
  1. Have you and or do you feel indifferent about racial reconciliation? Explain why or why not.
  2. Identify some ways you can move past racial indifference in your life.

Suggestions:

* + - Take time to meditate on your personal bias or prejudice
    - Become more aware of the racial diversity around you that you might grow in compassion
    - Put it on your daily prayer list.
    - Begin to read literature on the topic race in America
    - Go out of your way to make someone of another color feel welcome at church.
    - Pursue deep relationships or mentorship with someone outside of your race!

**S** - Scripture (thinking biblically is a learned behavior! :-)

* What did you learn about the relationship of the Cross as it relates to racial diversity and unity? Was this a new insight? How did it affect your view of racial diversity and unity?
* Talk about the ways racial diversity and unity are “for God” (Rev. 5:9)

**S** – Sharing (or facilitating a time of honest reflection with authenticity and transparency in a safe atmosphere modeled by the leader).

* Be open about your own areas of bias and prejudice that still linger in your heart.
* Share one honest raw feeling that you have about this in a way that is open yet sensitive to those in the group.
* Identify an area you would like to see the church overcome in this area of racial reconciliation.
* Tell your story. Tell the group about how you have been confronted with the issue of race in your own life and how it has shaped you.