

## THE FAMILY OF JESUS

- Romans 12:9-10 NIV Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.
  - Let us remember we are family – Jesus' family
- Romans 15:7 NIV Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.
  - Let us remember that Jesus is the reason we should accept others
- 1 Peter 3:8-9 NIV Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. 9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.
  - Let us extend love to each other – as family
- There is a high calling for love and unity within the Body of Christ. We are part of a family, locally and globally, that belongs to Jesus. Let us extend that love and acceptance to all brothers and sisters that the world may know we are one in Jesus.



## THE FAMILY OF JESUS-ACTIONS

- Why is the racial divide unsolved: According to Dr. Tony Evans “The reason we haven’t solved the race problem in America after hundreds of years is that people apart from God are trying to create unity, while people under God who already have unity are not living out the unity we possess.”
- How we can pray/what can we do in this tenuous time?
  - Lament over the sin in our nation, asking for God’s grace, mercy and healing – thru Jesus.
  - Pray for the families that have lost loved ones.
  - Pray for justice to be brought about for the deaths of these innocent people.
  - Stand with the black community.
  - Pray for police leadership and those on the streets – for wisdom and integrity.
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