Sermon Main Idea:

There is no other. There is only neighbor.

Introduction:

- 1. How have you seen your brothers and sisters in Christ bear the image of God to this world?
- 2. Why is it sometimes difficult to see God's image in every single human being?

SORP:

Scripture | read Genesis 1:26-31, John 3:16-21

Observation | what do we notice? what stands out?

- 1. What stands out to you about the sixth day of creation in Genesis 1?
- 2. What do you think it means to be made in the "image of God"....in His "likeness?"
- 3. Why did God send His Son into this world? (John 3)
- 4. What does John 3 have to say about the relationship between condemnation and belief? How does that hit you?
- 5. What are some things you notice about John's illustration of light and darkness in John 3:19-21? How have you experienced or witnessed this at work in the world?

Response I how can we respond in our lives to what we learn?

- 1. What would change in our community, nation, and world if we all saw one another as image bearers? As neighbor?
- 2. How is our view of others as image bearers a reflection of the light or darkness within us?
- 3. If listening is one small step we can take toward racial reconciliation, what is one thing you can do to listen to our brothers and sisters of color, in order to better understand their experience as different from your own?
- 4. When you consider God's sacrificial love for us, what might our own call to love our neighbor look like on a practical level with our brothers and sisters of color?
- 5. How might God be calling you to respond to His Word today?

Prayer | ask God to help you live out your response