

BEING HUMAN:

Week 6 Discussion Guide:

Race:

From the beginning humans are made in God's image. Yet, it is in the diversity of that image that we have fought wars, enslaved others and promoted power, hate and fear. All of these attitudes are anti-Gospel. The church, historically, has been complicit in the advancement of racism.

INITIAL DISCUSSION:

When you hear or read the word "diversity", what first comes to mind?

Would you describe your friendships as racially diverse? Why or why not?

Do you think it is morally wrong to personally segregate? (Most people, regardless of background, do this by the way).

THINKING THEOLOGICALLY:

Re-read Acts 17:26. What does this say about the time, place and racial diverseness of our day?

Read the Revelation passages again (5:9-10; 7:9-12 and 22:1-5). What do these passages say about worship and community in Heaven? Can that community exist now? Why or why not?

Read Micah 6:8. How does this passage inform the way a Christian should live in the face of racism?

APPLY the WORD:

Where do you struggle the most with racism?

How would your life be different if racism had no effect on it?

Turn these thoughts into a prayer of response. Then ask, what would you have me do here Lord?

Wait. Listen. Respond.