

Racism, the Gospel, and the Church - Life Group Questions

This subject is controversial in nature and personal for many. Pursue this conversation with awareness and sensitivity remembering people share different opinions and experiences. Listen with the intent to understand and keep Christ and his Word at the center.

The purpose of this sermon was to help us better understand the landscape of racism in America, the affect the gospel has on racism, and the role of the church in racial reconciliation.

1. Right now our nation is crying out for justice. What is the perceived injustices in our country? Why is it important to pursue awareness and sensitivity on the subject?
2. Read Psalm 89:14. According to this passage, what is the foundation of God's throne? What responsibility does this bring to the church?
3. John Piper defines ethnocentrism as "The conviction or feeling that one's own ethnic group should be considered as superior or privileged." What did Jesus have to say about ethnocentrism in Luke 4:25-27?
4. Matthew 8:5-13 tells the story of the Roman Officer's faith in Jesus. What message of equality might we learn from this story? What message of faith might we learn? (See 2 Corinthians 13:5).
5. According to Ephesians 2:13-14; 20-22, the church is the household of God where all believers are joined together as *one* united by Christ Jesus. What are ways our church can work toward racial reconciliation? What are ways *you* might work toward it?
6. Pray what the Lord prompts on your heart.