

Racism, Reconciliation and the Gospel

Sunday June 7th - Special Sermon

Start the Conversation

What were the conversations around race and ethnicity like in your family growing up?

How comfortable are you on a scale of 1-10 talking about race and racism? What emotions are you feeling as you enter into this conversation?

(This dialogue will go nowhere if people aren't willing to acknowledge their feelings and engage).

Go to the Word

Read Genesis 1:26.

Human beings were made in the image of God. What does it mean to be God's image bearers? And what are its practical implications for how we view the world and live our lives in our own cultural context?

Read Romans 3:23 and 5:12.

What does it mean that all have sinned? Discuss how sinfulness as an inherited condition equalizes human beings.

Read Galatians 3:28 and Eph 2:14.

Paul uses the phrase 'in Christ' to explain how we view our new identity, God's purpose of creating a new people, and how we ought to live in that reality with one another. Discuss how the gospel must transform our understanding of race, ethnicity and belonging to the family of God.

Read John 3:16-18, 14:6 and Rev. 7:9-10 .

Discuss your thoughts on the statement the Gospel is a gospel of reconciliation, gospel of equality, gospel of advocacy and gospel of social justice.

Now What

Recognizing the mistreatment of minority groups, how should followers of Jesus respond?

How do we respond as individuals? As a group?

Pray Together as a Group

Pray for a posture of humility. Pray for reconciliation. Pray love permeates our words and deeds.