



Sermon Series: Courageous Conversations, Part 5

Sermon Title: A Kingdom for All

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Revelation 5:9-10

Racism is the belief that certain races are superior to others.

At the beginning of American History the Pendulum was heavily set on the side of oppression of colored people. However, that pendulum has begun to swing from oppression to tension and if we aren't careful could turn to oppression again. Not because people of color hate white people, or white people hate colored people. No it's because Satan loves to destroy the image of God. **Ephesians 6:12**

Remember, Jesus Ransomed people for God from EVERY tribe and language and people and nation. Not from one.

Our Big Idea is: The Kingdom of God is equally made up of everyone.

Three conversation points help us have courageous conversations

1. Establish Rapport

Racism is a terrible mindset that exists within our own walls. But how do we approach it? How do we even start to talk about it.

James 5:16, Galatians 6:2

When two people come together to discuss their past and even present experiences with Racism it's important that they are honest. Be honest. Talk about it. To hate someone in your heart is just as bad as being racist toward someone. We know all about the radical love God calls us to in **1 John 3:15**

When we come together and begin to confess the sin, and burdens that we've all had to bare together as a result of the lies which Satan has sown into our culture we generate the opportunity for true healing.

2. Know Truth and Speak Truth

Understanding the origins and intentions of racism help us to fuel our fight against it.

In reality we can see Racism working itself out in the bible. Like when Egypt enslaved Israel. But the Racism in which we face today has much earlier origins. The Racism we're talking about in our media and politics is called White supremacy. This form of Racism did not generate it's origins until 1548 when Giordano Bruno an Italian Philosopher and Jean Bodin a French Philosopher began to classify people groups by the color of their skin. In 1627 John Ray produced a biological template cataloging the varied biological differences among species and homo sapiens. In the 1700s Carl Linnaeus and Johann Blumenbach began to construct racial categories and characteristics of many "Subspecies" of humans around the world. Samuel Morton in the 1800s experimented on many African skulls concluding their brains must have been smaller because they were "not as intelligent and useful.". All of this pushing the minds like George Gliddon who would go on to publish a book in 1854 called Types of Mankind, positing that Black people were more apelike than human. Obviously, all of these thoughts are untrue and unscientific. But daunting to know how recently this seed of division had been set in our world and how quickly it began to grow.

If we want to Speak truth then we need to be speaking passages like **Acts 10:34-35 , Romans 10:12 ,1 Corinthians 12:13**

3. Finally we must Keep the Door open.

The truth is that this is not a one and done conversation. Understand that both healing and growing take time.

If you really want to help defeat racism then remember to build rapport, know and speak truth, and finally have a kingdom mindset. Aim to hear the angels sing **Revelation 5:9-10**

Discussion Questions:

- What about the sermon stuck with you this week? What part challenged your thinking?
- Do you think our general culture acknowledges that racism is still prevalent in our culture, or is the media blowing it out of proportion? Discuss
- What can we as the church do to combat racism?
- Revelation 5:10 says Jesus came to save “every tribe and language and people and nation.” How do you live out this truth in your Christian walk?
- Have you ever confronted someone who was racist? Discuss

BIBLE VERSES

Revelation 5:9-10

And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

Ephesians 6:12

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

James 5:16

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”

Galatians 6:2

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

1 John 3:15

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him

Acts 10:34-35

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

Romans 10:12

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

1 Corinthians 12:13

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.