



COMMUNITY Groups

March 14th, 2021: Lament & Racial Unity

OPENING

- Eric described the effects of racism in the United States as a rippling effect caused by throwing a rock in a lake. How have you seen this? What are some examples?

DISCUSSION

- Read Genesis 12:1-3 and Revelation 5:9. What is the scope of God's blessing for the world? Based on this, how should we respond when we see churches that are primarily white or black or Hispanic, etc.?
- Read Acts 11:19-20. What division do you see in these verses? Why was this a big deal? Do you think this is still the case today?
- God sees a church that is composed of people of various races. What might it look like for you to be like the men from Cyprus and Cyrene, talking to people different from you about the good news about Jesus?
- Why do you think it is important for the American church to intentionally lament over the racial division in our country?
- Read Romans 12:15. What would it look like for us to lament for our black brothers and sisters?

CONCLUSION

- Is there a practical step that you might need to take as part of lamenting for the hurt and brokenness caused by the historical racism in our country?