

MESSAGE REVIEW

The most important question we, the Body of Christ, can ask right now with regard to systemic racism and injustice is, 'What is God's heart and what does He require?' The Church has an important responsibility to lead the way, not just in speech, but in action and love. By following Christ's example of humility, we can begin to do the hard work of repenting, listening, and seeing all human beings as fellow image-bearers of God. Let Jesus change our minds so that our actions might follow.

WARM UP QUESTION

Describe a time in your life when you realized you were wrong about something and you had to own up to it.

Read James 1:19-20. How does being quick to listen and slow to speak help you become slow to get angry? What is human anger and how does it not bring about God's righteousness?

How would following each of these directives lead you to a more humble heart? When it comes to issues surrounding systemic racism and injustice in our world, how can these verses set the tone for your posture and conversations?

Read Genesis 1:27 and 31. What does it mean that God created human beings in His image? <u>Watch this Bible Project video</u> on Image of God for help with this. Who is hard to view as a fellow image-bearer? How are you being a good steward of the power God gives you as His image-bearer?

Have a few people **read all of Acts 10**. Peter was a Jew and Cornelius was a Gentile. How did God orchestrate reconciliation of two people groups through relationship? How did Peter exemplify a humble heart as God challenged his preconceived beliefs about Jews and Gentiles? How can you rely on the Holy Spirit in directing you the same way He did Peter and Cornelius?

Read Revelation 7:9-10. Describe the heavenly scene we get to glimpse in these verses. How is it both diverse and unified? What is unifying them? How does your perspective need to shift to being a citizen of God's kingdom first and foremost?

RESPOND

What is God saying to you through His Word? How and when will you respond?

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