

## **OPENING OUR EYES**

FOUNDING PASTOR KEN WERLEIN SUNDAY, JUNE 7

- 1. How have the recent events surrounding the racial tensions in America affected you personally?
- 2. What is it that makes conversations about race-related issues so difficult? How can we, as the body of Christ, overcome these challenges?
- 3. Read Luke 10:25-37. Jesus intentionally made a Samaritan, someone who was hated by the Jewish people, the protagonist of the story. Why do you think he did that?
- 4. Injustice and sin thrive in darkness and silence. But sin loses its stronghold when brought to the light. One of the most powerful and transformative things you can do is to search your soul and confess any evidence of racism or apathy towards racism in your history and heart. How has God softened your heart over the past few weeks?
- 5. What do you think it means to be "anti-racist"? What is the right next step for you to be not only not racist but anti-racist?

## QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

Read Luke 10:25-37.

- 1. Does everyone matter to God? How do we know?
- 2. Do you think that God loves some people more than others?
- 3. How do you think God wants us to treat the people that He made?



## **STUDY DEEPER**

The organization Be the Bridge is doing some fantastic work in this area. Be the Bridge has a vision "that people and organizations are aware and responding to the racial brokenness and systemic injustice in our world. People are no longer conditioned by a racialized society but grounded in truth. All are equipped to flourish."

## 3 Steps you can take:

- 1. Build your awareness through the resources on their website: https://bethebridge.com/get-started/
- 2. Join their Facebook group, which is a "community of people who share a common goal of creating healthy dialogue about race and racialization in the U.S., with an emphasis on promoting understanding about racial disparities and injustices.": <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/</a>
  BetheBridge/
- 3. Consider going through their small group curriculum, "The Bridge to Racial Unity", as a Grow Group: https://bethebridge.com/groups/

