

## Talk it Over: Dis-ease, Week 1, Troy Lewis

### June 6-7, 2020

Looking back at the message this weekend, what was the key thought for you?

### Key Scripture

Micah 6:8 “The Lord God has told us what is right and what he demands: see that justice is done, let mercy be your first concern, and walk humbly with your God.”

### Other Scripture

John 17:20, 1 Corinthians 12:26, Romans 12:15, 2 Chronicles 7:14, 1 Corinthians 13:8, Romans 12:9-10

### Key Thoughts

1. **Admit Racism is Real**
2. **Pray**
3. **Love**

### Start Talking

How have you been processing everything that has been going on lately? How have you responded? Have you struggled with knowing how to respond? Looking back at this week’s message, what was the key thought you took away from it?

### Start Thinking

What does it look like to seek justice, show mercy, and walk humbly with God during this time? How do we live that out?

In John 17:20-21, Jesus says “I pray not only for these disciples but also for those who will believe in me through their word. I pray that they will all be one. Just as you, Father, and I are one, that they may be one with us, so that the world may believe that you sent me.” What can we do to actively move toward living in greater unity and oneness with our brothers and sisters in Christ of other races?

In 1 Corinthians 12:26 Paul wrote “If one part of the body suffers, then every other part suffers with it.”

What does it look like to join in the suffering of others and mourn with those who mourn? And how do we not move on from that quickly?

Pastor Troy talked about how our different experiences and perspectives inform our worldview. How can we seek to understand the experiences and perspectives of others in order to better empathize with them? What opportunities might we have to connect our hearts to the hearts of those who experience racism?

Since we have admitted that racism is a reality in our country, how might the Lord be inviting us to participate in dismantling racism?

As Pastor Troy said, we don’t have to choose a side. We can wholeheartedly stand against racial injustices and stand up for honorable police officers. What does it look like to live that out?

What are some ways that we can honor people of color, who have been disproportionately dishonored?

What might it look like for us as Christians to lead the way in love during this time?

Extra idea: Watch the Bible Project’s video on Justice (<https://youtu.be/A14THPoc4-4>) as a group and discuss how it speaks into our role in seeking justice in light of the reality of racism in our country.

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### Start Sharing

What has your experience of racism been?

### Start Praying

- for those who have lost loved ones.
- for the business owners that have suffered because of the riots and looting.
- for the police.
- for justice to be brought.
- for unity and compassion to rise up.
- for healing, restoration, and reconciliation.
- that God would forgive us for turning a blind eye to racism.
- for an end to the injustices of racism.
- that God would show each of us how He is inviting us to participate in this moment.

Pastor Troy talked about how this is about all of us as human beings. The reality is that racism is something that we all need to acknowledge and reckon with as we admit that racism is real. Pray that God would search our hearts, give us eyes to see, and reveal to each of us how He is inviting us to respond.

### Start Doing

Keep praying! Consider going to the prayer meeting at SCC on Tuesday at noon.

Reach out to your black friends to see how they're

doing and let them know you love them.

If you have kids, talk (or continue talking) to them about racism.

Commit to taking a stand against racism and ask the Lord how He is inviting you to respond.

Speak up if you hear someone making a racist remark or joke.

“Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.” Romans 12:9-10

Love God and love people!