

RACISM. JUSTICE. HOPE.

A CONVERSATION WITH
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MESSAGE REVIEW

We don't have a race problem in America, we have a racism problem, and God calls us, His Church, to speak into it. Racism is group prejudice coupled with institutional power and it has been killing all of us from the beginning of time. Let suffering speak, be part of the solution by taking meaningful action, and draw hope from the greatest justice warrior that ever lived – Jesus Christ.

WARM UP QUESTION

Agree together that discussions surrounding racism and justice are hard. Establish your group as a place of safety, confidentiality, and grace. Have everyone agree to enter into conversation authentically and honestly.

1 Read 2 Kings 22. What causes Josiah anguish as the Word of God is read (verse 13)? Have you ever repented of the sins of your fathers/ancestors or even had thoughts about such a thing? What kind of response does God want us to have to such sin and even sin committed in ignorance (verse 19)?

2 Read Habakkuk 1:2-5. Historically, what has been your reaction to the racism and injustice happening around you? What would it look like for you to lament as Habakkuk does here?

3 Read Proverbs 31:8-9. What command is repeated in these verses? How does silence only perpetuate problems of racism and injustice? What step can you take to speak up?

4 Read Ephesians 2:13-16. How would you explain the gospel to someone from these verses? What did Jesus destroy on the cross (verse 16. Note: Jesus didn't destroy their differences, only their hostility)? What social, cultural and spiritual differences exist between different ethnic groups today? How is this a picture of God's kingdom?

5 Read Romans 12:9-17. Pick one command from these verses that stands out to you and talk about how you can begin to live it out practically when it comes to racism and injustice.

RESPOND

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

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