



Everyone has an opinion about race relations, and most are willing to share it. Why shouldn't followers of Jesus join the conversation? God's Word, Jesus' example, the Spirit's leading—we have a lot to bring to the table. This series is intended to help Christians think, live, and speak a better word when the talk is about race.

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

- 1** What was your overall reaction after this sermon was over? Did it produce emotions of anger, guilt, joy? Why do you think that was?
- 2** Rick said that the idea that racism is only personal and intentional is a false narrative. How did you interpret that statement? Agree or disagree.
- 3** We need to know about the **legacy of slavery** in our nation. How do you see the effects still at work in our society today? What about the idea of repenting for sins of your fathers? **Read Nehemiah 9:5.** How does the gospel shape our understanding of communal guilt and forgiveness? (see Romans 5:12f, for example)
- 4** Racism is not just individual; it is institutional. It is built on the foundation of **systemic injustice**. Rick mentioned several examples of this. What are some examples that you have seen?
- 5** **Read Amos 2:6-7 & 5:21-24.** Justice is a huge theme in the Bible. Why does God care so much about it? **Read Micah 6:8.** What does it look like to "seek justice"?
- 6** The reality of **white privilege** is often met with denial and anger. Why do you think that is? What are examples of white privilege that you now see?
- 7** **Read Philippians 2:5-7.** Jesus did not use his privilege for his own benefit, but as a way to serve others. What might that look like for his disciples today?
- 8** What is the one thing you think God wants you to take away from this week's message? Close by asking God to reveal what He still wants us to know, and ask for hearts willing and ready to receive His revelation.

