



AN OPEN CONVERSATION ABOUT
Racism & Faith
SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Racism and Faith // Jeff Brodie & Deniel Sewell (June 14, 2020)

Tips for Participating in Online Discussions:

- Turn on all the lights in your room.
- Mute yourself when you're listening to others.
- Use people's names a lot to draw each other in.
- Put your camera at eye level.
- Speak a little louder than normal.

Tips for a Healthy Discussion:

- Commit in advance to listening well.
- Stretch yourself to be honest while extending grace to others.
- Refrain from making this a political conversation.
- Defer to group members who have experienced racism.
- Begin with prayer.

Discussion Recap: Racism is a sin we all need to battle in our own hearts regardless of profession, age, or colour. As you look to be FOR people in our lives, how do you process what you are seeing and respond to racism today? As you watch heartbreaking footage all around you, what do you do with your emotions? What does scripture say about the sin of racism? How can we change our hearts to align ourselves with the teachings of Jesus?

Scripture: [Luke 10:25-37](#)

Getting Started:

1. Growing up, did you have friendships with people of different races? Was anything challenging about those friendships? If so, what?
2. On a scale of 1–10, how comfortable are you engaging in conversations about race and racism? Why?

Jumping In:

3. What emotions did you feel as you witnessed recent examples of racial injustice in the news or in people's stories?

4. Do those emotions feel healthy or unhealthy? For you personally, what is the difference between healthy and unhealthy emotions?
5. What is something that was said by Jeff or Deniel that surprised you, that you resonated with, or that has continued to prompt you to reflect?
6. What have you learned about the following phrases:
 - a. 'There is no racism in Canada.'
 - b. 'I don't see colour.'
 - c. 'I am not racist, I have a black friend.'
 - d. 'All lives matter.'
 - e. 'White privilege.'
 - f. 'Non-racism and anti-racism.'

Read: [Luke 10:25-37](#)

7. How did Jeff's teaching on this passage provide context to the way the original audience would have heard this parable of the Good Samaritan.
8. Jeff mentioned that this one key lesson at the centre of this parable is pushing through apathy in the face of racism. How is that? Why is it necessary that we have this conversation about racism as a church, and as a group?
9. The centre of the gospel is that Jesus died and rose so that everyone can have the opportunity to receive forgiveness of sin and experience a relationship with Him--a sacrifice of love. Why is it sometimes hard to live that love out in our world day to day? Do you think our lack of love is intentional or unintentional on most days?

Moving Forward:

How can you take time to educate yourself? How can you challenge yourself, and your family members, to be a part of a community you are not used to or befriend someone who does not look like you? How can you be FOR them this week?

Check out the resources in this helpful blog post:

<https://connexuschurch.com/why-do-we-need-to-talk-about-racism/>

Changing Your Mind:

Spend time praying together that you might take these steps:

- Befriend - Befriend someone who doesn't look like you.
- Believe - Believe the stories your friends of colour share with you.
- Defend - Defend friends of colour, even when they're not standing beside you.