

Race Wars

“ How to Respond to the Discrimination Battle ”

- 1.** Recognize Everyone Has Dignity, Value and Worth Genesis 1:26-27

- 2.** Be a Good Listener James 1:19-20



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

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Point #1

- Read Genesis 1:26-27. What does it mean to be created in the "image of God"? Give examples.
- What does this imply about everyone's dignity and value? What does Point #1 reveal about racism?
- In what way can you fall into this trap? Be specific. How does Point #1 adjust you in today's battle?

Point #2

- Read James 1:19-20. How does this reveal the key to avoiding hostile or angry interaction with others?
- How does "talking" impact one's ability to listen? How does listening reflect love and care for others?
- In what way can you apply Point #2 in today's racially hostile environment? Be specific.

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Genesis 1:26-27, 5:1, 9:6, James 3:9

- Describe what it means to be an image bearer of God. How is this distinct from the rest of God's creation?
- What are the implications of this truth when it comes to dignity, value and worth? (i.e. for you and others)
- How does this truth address discrimination or racism? (i.e. human value) What is God teaching you?

TUESDAY // Read Luke 10:25-37

- What was the primary message Jesus was teaching the lawyer? Why would this have been hard to hear?
- How did the lawyer rationalize racism? How do you see this happening today? Give an example.
- In what way does compassion prevent discrimination? How is God challenging your sinful tendencies?

WEDNESDAY // Read Acts 15:1-35

- Why were the Christian Jews struggling with the Christian Gentiles? How was it ultimately a racial issue?
- How did they settle their disagreements? What does this imply about a Christian response to racism?
- In what way are you tempted to discriminate toward others? How does God want you to change?

THURSDAY // Read Colossians 3:11, Matthew 12:36, Galatians 5:16-26

- In what way does scripture highlight that God will discriminate? Why is this important to remember?
- How can this truth get compromised today? What is the solution? Explain the balance necessary?
- In what areas of your life can you be imbalanced? Take time to pray, asking God how you need to change?

FRIDAY // Read James 1:19, Matthew 22:39

- Why does James tell all Christians to be slow to speak and quick to listen? Explain the timing piece.
- How does talking impact one's ability to listen? How does listening reflect love and care for others?
- When someone is quick to speak and slow to listen, what does this reveal about their spiritual condition?

SATURDAY // Read James 1:19b-20, Proverbs 14:29, Matthew 5:21-22

- What connection does scripture make between anger, speaking, and listening?
- How do you typically respond when you are angry? Why? How does it impact your ability to listen?
- In what way can you step into this truth in today's racially volatile environment? Be specific.

MEDITATION VERSE: ²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Genesis 1:26