

Read:

Genesis 1:27 // ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Acts 10:28 // ²⁸ And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.

Romans 10:12-13 // ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

James 2:8-9 // ⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

Big Questions:

- What is racism? How do you define racism?
- What are the effects of racism on society/on people?
- Is racism a current problem that needs our attention now?
- So what next? How do we respond and push towards racial reconciliation?

Teaching Points:

- The Imago Dei teaches us that we are all created in God's image.
- Race relations continue to be a big issue in politics, social justice, and in everyday life

Discussion Questions:

- How multi-ethnic is your friend group? Why? How does spending time with people of different races make you feel?
- Have you ever experienced racism? Share about that time. How did it make you feel?
- Why do you think stereotypes exist? Are they true? Are they good/bad/neutral?
- Do you think racism is still alive and a problem today? Explain why or why not.
- Explain how you view racial tensions in America. How do we respond to the past racism in America? Are reparations necessary?
- Do you believe minorities share the same opportunities and rights as other ethnicities? In what ways does our society have inequality?
- How can you fight racism in your day to day life? How do you seek racial reconciliation?

Recommended Resources:

- <https://www.christianity.com/christian-life/political-and-social-issues/race-relations-four-things-you-can-do-to-help.html>
- <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/engaging-race-face-to-face>
- <https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/what-the-church-offers-for-race-relations>