

Practical Theology Class - Grace Bible Church
Racism / Social Justice, etc.

RACISM:

How were you raised to think about people who were of a different ethnic heritage than your own?

How have you seen prejudiced expressed in your own life - by those around you?

Why do people naturally segregate themselves?

Why do people have prejudices against those who are different from themselves?

Review Genesis 1-11 - the origin of Creation, sin and death; the flood; the dispersion at Babel.

Where did the descendants of Shem settle? Ham? Japheth?

What is the importance of the truth that all people are of one blood?

What is a race?

What has been the effect of evolutionary philosophy (Darwinism) on race relations?

What is the origin of man?

What determines your physical appearance?

What was the cause of their now being so many different people groups?

What was good about Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.?

What was bad?

What was good about the Civil Rights movement?

Where has it gone wrong?

How has each of the following helped or hindered the harmony between different people groups:

Intermarriage?

War?

Segregation?

Desegregation?

Affirmative Action?

Why don't man's solutions to racism work?

How does God produce harmony between different peoples?

Why should there be harmony among Christians?

What is your primary identity? Why do you identify yourself in that way?

Examine yourself for any prejudices - how will you change to match the scriptures?

Social Justice / Critical Race Theory

What is meant by the terms “social justice” and “Critical Race Theory”?

What is the relationship between the two? What are their goals?

Can “social justice” achieve either racial harmony or racial equality? Explain

What is Biblical justice? What is its goal? When will it be fully achieved?

What should man pursue in the quest for justice? Explain

What effect is the quest for “social justice” having on our society as whole?

How are the ideas of “social justice” entering into the Church? What is it having?

For a Crash in Critical Race Theory (Social justice) go to either listen or watch Jonathan Harris’

<http://www.worldviewconversation.com/2020/01/>

Case Studies

Case 1. A young couple that is courting are finding that some of their friends and family do not approve because they have different ethnic heritages. They come to you for advice on how to handle it. What questions would you ask? What advice would you give?

Case 2. A college junior who grew up on your church returns home for the Summer. In the course of conversation you find out they have become advocates of *Black Lives Matter*. What questions would you ask to clarify his beliefs? How will you direct him to understand what the Scriptures teach about racism? What warnings would you give him about the organization?

Case 3. A woman in your church is becoming increasingly vocal about how the church needs to be more racially diverse. How will you help her figure out if her concern is Biblically justified or not? What advice would you give her about how to become part of the solution to her concerns?

Case 4. It becomes very apparent that a new man at church has very strong feelings against a particular ethnic group. How will help him understand God’s view of people and the danger of his prejudice?

Case 5. A new family moves in next door and you discover they are here illegally. Within a few months there are now a dozen people living in the house. What should you do?

Case 6. How would you advise a very well qualified young man that keeps getting shut out from job opportunities because he does not fit into any of the favored ethnic groups?

Case 7. How would you advise a college student of mixed ethnic heritage in filling out FAFSA forms?