

Discussion two

Equality, justice & unity

We have reached the conclusion of the study on God's heart for Racial Justice and reconciliation. We have reflected on God's heart for the unseen and the marginalised, for all nations and that God is for Equality and God is for Justice & Unity. We hope that you have had many fruitful conversations as well as good time studying scripture together and being in prayer and fellowship. You may have had certain questions you would like to revisit, or didn't have enough time to cover. Or you may want to take some extended time in discussion and prayer this week. You may also want to consider looking at the final remarks and further resources together, this document also includes a glossary of terms together with a bibliography that may be helpful for individuals to refer to. This week is an opportunity for you to take the time to choose to reflect upon the study as a whole.

We also suggest the following as a guide for your conversations this week. We encourage you to reflect on the scriptures we've explored, as well as any others that come to mind whilst you discuss the study together. Close your time together in prayer, seeking the Holy Spirit to be at work in each of you as you close your time in discussion.

ICE BREAKER

(Discussion on how these statements may or may not be applicable to you, you can choose to have a guided discussion around these questions):

1. I have faced racial discrimination or prejudice in the UK? in Oxford? within our church?
2. I have never felt singled out for my race or nationality.
3. I have had people treat me differently because I do not have a British accent.
4. I have had people question my British nationality because of my appearance, skin colour, or accent.
5. I personally have taken a stand against racial prejudice, or bias in my workplace, school, church, and wider community

FILL IN THE BLANK

I was _____ years old when I first felt singled out for my race/learned about race.

It takes me _____ long to process instances of race discrimination or prejudice.

_____ would make me feel like I belonged within our church environment.

What are, if any, clumsy conversations that you've been drawn to around the topic of race?

What do you think God is speaking to you right now in the area of race?