

DISCUSSION GUIDE

CORE52 | #40 God's Solution to Racism

Acts 17:26

July 2 & 5, 2020



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1. What are some examples that come to mind in the New Testament of God breaking down racist barriers in the existing culture?
2. What are some modern examples you've seen of the Church working to fight racism in our culture for the sake of the Gospel?
3. Read Jonah 1-4. What example do you see of God's desire to reach all people groups as well as Jonah's personal racism?
4. Read Isaiah 49:6; Ephesians 2:13-14; Revelation 7:9-10. What comes to mind as you consider those verses? Is God challenging you through anything in these verses?
5. Did you grow up in a family or community that treated all people the same or was there some level of racism, overt or subtle? These could have been jokes, comments, phrases, what a particular group of people was called, etc.
6. In your experience, why is racism so difficult to overcome? What actions or attitudes have you personally implemented to reduce it in your own life?
7. What could your church do (or what could you do in your church) to make other ethnic, economic, cultural, and political groups feel more included?
8. Share the name of a specific person who is different than you who you could escort to church to make sure they feel included when they come.
9. Are you ready and willing to make plans and have a meal with someone from a different ethnic or cultural background to learn about that person's story?
10. What could we do as a regular part of our lives to ensure we are breaking through cultural lines and not only spending time with people just like us?

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