

Living with Future Hope

Jeremiah 32

The news in the last couple of weeks has been filled with the racial injustices we've witnessed in the United States. But racism and racial injustice aren't new sins and nor are they just American ones. Racism is a poison that infects every nation, and each of us must guard our own hearts against this evil. We must remember that our God is a God of justice. He cares deeply about this issue, therefore we should too.

How should I respond to racial injustice?

I should grieve

I should be humble

I should speak out

I should celebrate and cultivate diversity

I should pray

I should never lose hope

QUESTIONS

- Do I allow racial injustice to affect me or am I in danger of allowing myself to become desensitised?
- What does it look like for me to approach this issue with humility?
- What are some effective ways of speaking out against racial injustice? What about some unhelpful ways?
- Why is it important to actively cultivate cross-ethnic and cross/cultural friendships?
- Do you ever dwell on the future hope that is yours in Christ?
- Do you see yourself as a citizen of heaven (Phil 3:20) and an ambassador of Christ (2 Cor 5:20)? How would it change your daily actions to see yourself in this way? What does this have to do with fighting racial injustice?
- If we believe this life is not all there is, how should that affect the way we spend our time, our money and our resources?

IN SMALLER GROUPS

Pray through Psalm 139:23-24. Share anything that God has been pointing out in your own heart.

Spend some time praying for God's Kingdom of perfect peace and perfect justice to come. Pray for an end to racial injustice.