

Resource List for Racial Reconciliation

"All this from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation...We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us." - 2 Corinthians 5:18 & 20

"There is no institution on earth more equipped or more capable of bringing transformation to the cause of reconciliation than the church." John Perkins

After the events that have shaken our society awake it is important not only that we recognize that racism is alive and well in our country, but that as ambassadors of Christ we need to do our best to understand the world through the lens of our brothers and sisters of color. Which may be gut wrenching at times, it may causes us to have to check ourselves and realize the prejudices that God wants to root out and replace with His Spirit. This process is our chance to turn to God, which may sound scary at first, but is never a bad thing to do.

As you consider your own journey and the journey of your Home Groups, look through this curated list of books, podcasts, websites, and movies, asking yourself are we listening? What are we learning? Then "be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry" (James 1:9). May this drive you to act as ambassadors of Christ to promote racial reconciliation.

Books

One Blood: Parting Words to the Church on Race and Love by John Perkins

The Color of Compromise: The truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism by Jemar Tisby

Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism by Drew G.I. Hart

I'm Still Here by Austin Channing Brown

White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo

Be the Bridge: Pursing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation by Latasha Morrison

PodCasts

- The Holy Post PodCast Episode 267: Race in America.
- <u>Gravity Leadership PodCast June 25, 2019: How a White Police Officer is working for</u> <u>Racial Justice</u>
- Gravity Leadership PodCast April 16, 2019: Racism Past and Present

Websites

The Bible Project: The image of God

Be The Bridge

Movies

Just Mercy, The Hate You Give, Selma, The Help, The Color of Fear, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, The Heat of the Night, Remember the Titans, Glory Road, The Banker, The Color Purple