## Conversation Around the Gospel and Racial Reconciliation

*"Everyone knows that 11 o'clock on Sunday morning is the most segregated hour in American life."* Martin Luther King Jr.

### **Personal Reflection Questions**

Prior to meeting, encourage your group to engage with the following questions:

- 1. What is something you heard in Sunday's message from Pastor Michael or Pastor Wendell that helped you see something for the first time? Why do you think it struck you or convicted you?
- 2. What is something that was hard for you to hear? What made (or makes) it troublesome for you?
- 3. What is a step you want to take based on this week's conversation?

## Dig In

God's vision for His Kingdom is found within the Bible. It is a place where two things are found: unity amongst His people, and that His people are a diverse gathering of people. We see in John's vision in **Revelation 7:9** that people of every nation, tribe, and tongue are gathered around the throne.

As we approach this week in light of the conversation shared by Pastor Michael and Pastor Wendell, our desire is to continue in our ability to listen, learn, and grow. We've provided a few resources for you to further engage with the subject of racial reconciliation and the Gospel. Consider watching one of the Recommended Resources individually or together as a group.

Make it your goal to listen and seek to understand. Try to refrain from arguing against viewpoints that may be different than yours; rather seek to understand their perspective on these issues.

If you choose to watch the recommended videos, consider discussing:

- What stood out to you in the video?
- Is there anything new you learned or grasped?
- What are the implications of this conversation for our church?
- How would diversity impact our group?

If you're looking to further explore a few Bible texts with some of the new tools we shared with you last week, consider the following:

### Ephesians 2:11-22; Acts 10:44-48, Galatians 2:11-14

## **Recommended Resources**

Racial Reconciliation by Voddie Baucham We don't have to achieve racial reconciliation, it exists. It

is a reality that we must walk in, but it has already been accomplished in Christ. In this session, Voddie Baucham unpacks Ephesians 2:10-11 to show the sufficiency of Christ's death on the cross to bring us near in perfect reconciliation.

## Watch on YouTube

### Ethnic Gnosticism by Voddie Baucham

Ethnic Gnosticism is a term crafted by Voddie Baucham to explain the phenomenon of people believing that somehow because of ones ethnicity that one is able to know when something or someone is racist. In this sermon, Dr. Baucham sheds light on the way this ideology is undermining the gospel and compromising genuine christian relationships in the church today.

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### **Oneness Embraced by Tony Evans**

Tony Evans seeks to promote a biblical understanding of the kingdom foundation of oneness by detailing why we don't have it, what we need to do to get it, and what it will look like when we live it.

# Watch on Right Now Media

How do I engage in difficult topics?