

LifeGroup Study Sheet

March 6th, 2022 - Cultural Crisis – CRT

This guide is designed to give help in preparing you for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

CRT can be defined in simplistic terms as, “an ideology that divides the world into oppressed groups and their oppressors and aims to liberate the oppressed.” In our society, how have you seen this definition used to create separation between people? At work, at school systems, in the marketplace?

Digging In

Question 1: Read James 2:1,8-9, 1 John 4:8, Micah 6:8, Exodus 20:16. Throughout the entire Bible, racist thoughts and behaviors are a sin. Theologically they can be labeled as “sin of partiality,” “sin of hatred,” “sin of injustice,” and “sin of false witness.” What do you think the Bible means when it categories sin as partiality? What about hatred?

Question 2: Read Acts 17:26. The Bible describes the human race as “one race.” Paul in this passage refers to Genesis 1&2 to describe that all people came from Adam and Eve. What stands out to you about this as it relates to what our society says about race? How does this matter as you think about conversations about the topic of race?

Read Revelation 7:9-10. How does this verse give you perspective about God's view of race?

Question 3: Read Romans 5:12. Pastor Jeff said the Bible categorizes people into two groups: “In Adam or In Christ.” What does that mean and why does it matter? According to Scripture, why is the solution that CRT provides a vain pursuit?

Read Luke 19:10. Reflect on this verse. How does Jesus' response to Zacchaeus summarize every person's ultimate need?

Question 4: Discuss the following passages as it relates to CRT and racism.

1. Colossians 2:6-8
2. Galatians 3:28
3. John 17:20-23

4. Ephesians 2:14

What practical steps is the Holy Spirit leading you to do as you reflect on these things in your own life? How has God challenged you to change your thinking and behavior this week?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?