

Prepare to Lead | Tips on Leading Discussions on Racial Justice

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BEFORE YOUR DISCUSSION, SPEND TIME IN PRAYER.

- Ask for His desires to be accomplished among you.
- Acknowledge to Him your opinions and the experiences that have shaped them (see Psalm 51:6). This helps you manage any personal agendas—rather than them managing you.

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BE WILLING AND PREPARED (2 Timothy 2:15)—to model humility, as well as to gently, firmly confront theologically errant statements.

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CONSIDER READING A FEW VERSES together about God’s heart for justice:

- Proverbs 11:1
- Amos 5:21-24
- Isaiah 1:17, 42:1-9, 58 (entire chapter)
- Matthew 7:12

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ENCOURAGE THE GROUP TO

- Use biblical rather than partisan/political language.
- Remember the conflicts among us result from heart attitudes within us. (James 4:1).
- Be quick to listen, slow to speak. (James 1:19).

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PRAY AS A GROUP using all points in [“Helping Your Family Understand Racial Reconciliation.”](#)

8 Questions to Start the Discussion

- 1 As you’ve reflected on God’s heart for justice, what has God been impressing on you personally?
- 2 What are the most effective and godly methods to actively stand united as a church against racial injustice?
- 3 Share what you’ve learned from the last sermon, Christian book, Christian podcast, etc., about justice.
- 4 Why did Jesus have to die on a cross? Why couldn’t God have just wiped the slate clean and forgiven us? (Then after answering this) how is God’s justice connected to His love?
- 5 What do we learn about God and justice from stories in the Bible—i.e. Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt? How do we see God respond to injustice and oppression in the Bible, particularly racial injustice? (See also John 4 [the woman at the well], Luke 10:25-37 [the good samaritan]).
- 6 What has influenced your views on racial justice?
- 7 When you’re honest, what prevents you from greater action?
- 8 After reading and discussion, what’s one personal action—or action in your home—you’ll take to “do good; seek justice; correct oppression” (Isaiah 1:17)?