



## Gospel & Race

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As Christians we ought to carefully and winsomely consider the issue of race. This class will take a careful look at the topic of racism through a biblical, historical, sociological, and ecclesial lens with the aim of developing a biblically-informed, Christ-centered, peoples-reconciling, practical theology of race.

**Text:** *One Blood*, John Perkins + key articles (see below)

**Time:** Mondays, 6:30-8

**Location:** Online Zoom

### Topics:

*September 14*

#### 1. History of Racism with Hope (Juan Sanchez)

- Racism as a Global Problem
- Summary of Racism in U.S.
- Complicity of Church
- Progress of the Church
- PRACTICAL: Listen, Lament, Repent, Unity
- READING:
  - i. Soong Chan Rah article on Lament?
  - ii. [Prayer is Activism](#)

*September 21*

#### 2. Biblical Vision for Racial Diversity (Tori Mayo)

- The Bible on Racism: Genesis, Galatians, Philemon, Revelation
- How the Gospel Reconciles (Eph 3) vs. Power/Identity Politics
- PRACTICAL: reading through ethnic lenses
- READING: Reading While Black

*September 28*

#### 3. Social Theories and Racism (JD)

- Solutions: Tokenism, Critical Race Theory, Relational Reconciliation.
- PRACTICAL: Avoiding Extremes of Sinful Apathy and Activism
- READING:
  - i. [Incompatibility of Critical Theory and Christianity](#)
  - ii. Chp 6 in Beautiful Community or Chp from *One Blood*

*October 5*

#### 4. Racial Justice (JD)

- Individual Approach to Justice
- Structural Approach to Justice
- Gospel-centered Solutions and Action



- PRACTICAL: Call out, Colorblindness, & Privilege
- READING: [The Sin of Racism](#)

*October 12*

**5. Progress in Racism (John Seago & Matt Irving)**

- Government Policies
- Church & Parachurch Ministries
- Individuals/Families
- PRACTICAL: Different responses
- READING:

*October 19*

**6. Church & Race - (Preston McGee)**

- In Your Community (City Group)
- In Your Mission (Mercy Ministry)
- PRACTICAL:
- READING: