

Watch

If you haven't already, watch [Race and Faith, Week 1](#). Then, watch [Race and Faith, Week 2](#).

We want to acknowledge that we are all in really different places when it comes to our awareness and understanding of how racial injustice has been “baked into the cake” of our nation. If you are on the beginning of this journey, please know that you are not alone. So many of us are just now beginning to become aware and to understand. For those of you who have been on this journey for awhile, please be patient and gracious to those who are just starting out. You probably remember what the beginning of that learning curve felt like. For those of you who are black or people of color, we know these conversations can be hard for you too. Please feel free to share as much or as little as you feel comfortable with sharing in your groups. For all of us, as we talk about this message, there may be times we feel uncomfortable or unsure of what to say or how to say it. Pay attention to that, but also know that being uncomfortable and unsure is a very normal part of the learning process.

Discuss

Before your group starts talking about the message, spend some time checking in with one another. We've had a series of heavy weeks as a nation- how's everyone doing? What's been hard? And also, what's bringing you joy? What are you doing to care for your soul?

Pastor Chris talked about the importance of listening and learning with a spirit of humility (Ephesians 4:2). How have you been listening and learning about racial injustice over these past few weeks?

This week, Pastor Chris interviewed three community members (Dr. Christy Clark-Pujara, Percy Brown Jr., and Ruben L. Anthony Jr.) about systemic racism. What surprised you from these interviews?

Pastor Colièr encouraged the white community at Blackhawk to, “be the brother or sister you think you are.” How does this challenge you as we move towards racial reconciliation and unity as a church?

What is your next step in growing in your understanding of the historical and current systemic injustices embedded in our country?

Pray

- Ephesians 4:2 says, “Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.” Pray for these words to work themselves into our hearts, into our conversations, and into our actions this week.
- Finally, spend some time praying for both our church and our city as we together discern a way forward. Ask God to show us how He is already at work around us, and how He wants us to join Him in that work.

Next Steps

1. In light of all that is going on in our nation and community, we are providing a list of recommended resources to help us learn more about racial reconciliation and justice. Choose one of the resources on the list to read or watch this week. Consider going through one of these resources together as a life group this summer!