

Resources for Education Regarding Racial Inequality

LifePath's leadership is actively seeking to educate ourselves more, and encourage our community to do the same. As disciples of Jesus, we hurt with those who hurt, and we act for justice and equality because God's beautiful image is reflected in every single human, and they deserve to be treated as such. Throughout our history, our black and brown brothers and sisters have not been given the treatment they deserve. Many Americans, within and outside our church, are hurting badly right now. This is not a new issue. But today is a renewed time for compassion and action. We are at a critical junction in our national conversation. We openly acknowledge that the our world has issues with systemic injustice on numerous levels, and we commit to trying our best to understand and advocate for attitudes *and* policies that are unjust. We invite you to join us in rejecting our automatic defensive reaction to become more educated, and advocate for real and lasting change. Your education of systemic racism is your responsibility, no one else's. It takes work. But we can do it together.

Helpful to Read:

White Fragility by Dr. Robin DeAngelo

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

Letter from a Birmingham Jail, by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (short read- helpful to make notes of specific quotes that are significant or uncomfortable for you)

Roadmap to Reconciliation by Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil

Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism (by Messiah College Professor Drew Hart)

Helpful Films:

Just Mercy (currently free to rent across all platforms)

When They See Us

Selma

Documentaries:

Systemic Racism Simply Explained (4 minute cartoon)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrHIQIO_bdQ

13th (Understanding the racist history behind mass incarceration)

The House I Live In (Understanding the racial implications of the war on drugs)

Conversation:

YWCA Delaware "Dialogue to Action" Facilitated by Rob Seward

Zoom on Tuesdays 10am-12pm. Conversations for listening and breaking down walls.

<https://www.ywcade.org/what-we-do/rsj/virtual-dialogue-to-action-tuesday-10-am-12-noon/>

Do some personal research:

What is tokenism? What is tone policing? What does privilege mean? What does bias mean?