

MESSAGE NOTES

All lives matter is not the appropriate response to black lives matter .

African Americans are the only race that did not come as a result of immigration. No other race came for the sole purpose of slavery.

African Americans deserve for the scales to be tilted a certain manner for us to experience true equality.

Jesus says everyone can come into the kingdom, not just the Jews. Religious leaders wanted to kill him because he was attacking their racism

It's right to hurt. It is ok to be angry, but we still have to be open.

Where do we go from here?

1. We must listen actively.

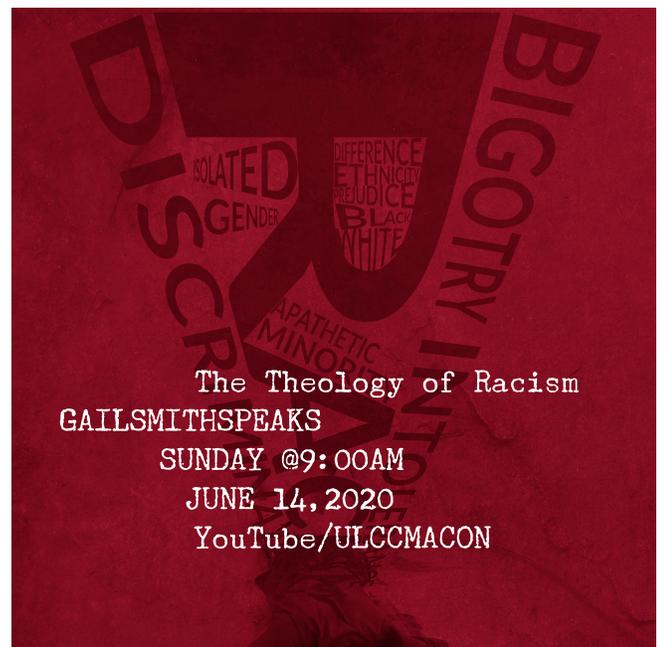
- This is a time for us to articulate our pain. We must know our history and what we want and we must invite those who don't look like us to hear us.
- We need empathetic listening

2 We must look upward.

- Whenever we encounter racism, we should look upward to heaven, seeing the cloud of witnesses from every tongue which is symbolic of diversity.
- People who claim to be colorblind are trying to strip you of your color so they can accept you.
- God is not colorblind so why are you? Embrace, appreciate and love the difference

3. We must love outward.

- Open your arms and love outwards
- When you limit the people you choose to be in relationship you may miss opportunity for great relationships and blessing
- Coming to America was not our choice. We were born here and it is still our America too. It may be messed up but it is still your America. We must pray that America will become the nation God and the founders intended.



Selah pause and think

- How do you see your God - closed or open?
- Why are evangelicals so quiet?
- Why is the church so quiet?
- Racism is not about sin, it's about skin.
- You can't love God and not love people.
- You can't know God and not love people.
- It's not about sociology, it's about theology.