

“Racial Reconciliation (Part 1): To My White Brothers and Sisters.”

1. Why do you think that the *Silence* of much of the White community has been especially hurtful to the black community? Are the fears of being misunderstood and/or criticized legitimate reasons to remain silent? How can we overcome silence, even when we don't know what to say? How does Scripture speak to these truths?
2. In the video at the end of Sunday's sermon, Bryan Stevenson said that “Truth and Restoration/Reconciliation are Sequential.” Do you agree with that? How does Scripture speak to this question?
3. Often times people in the white community use “they” in a sentence like “*Yes that's wrong what happened to George Floyd...but they shouldn't be looting, burning property, and randomly killing police officers....*” Paul describes a similar mindset in Titus 1:10-13, and commands the leaders of the church to “*Reprimand sternly*” those who express such sentiments. How and why are these kinds of assumptive and stereotypical statements so damaging, and how can we be vigilant to hold ourselves and others accountable?
4. How does scripture speak to the Christian's responsibility in Social Justice?
5. What role have politics played in “muddying the waters” of the subject of racial reconciliation?