

Unified!



MAIN POINT:

When it comes to racial differences, we must listen, learn, and love!

KEY VERSE:

“So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.” Genesis 1:27

BRING IT UP:

For many, the “aha moment” of this study will not be in the form of a biblical principle never before considered or even theoretically embraced. Instead, the “aha moment” may well be the realization of biases, of which you are unaware.

- ◆ What was your biggest takeaway from the video dialogue between Pastor Nick and Dan Owolabi on Sunday (June 28, 2020)?

TALK IT OVER/THINK IT THROUGH:

While racial tensions often divide people on the basis of differences, God’s word demonstrates appreciation for many of those differences while uniting people on the basis of what we share. Let’s explore four commonalities all of us share.

- ◆ We all have equal value! (Read Genesis 1:26, 27)

Although you likely embrace that in theory, how have you witnessed/experienced relational tensions where that value was not expressed?

- ◆ We all have equal depravity! (Read Romans 3:23)

In the video conversation, Pastor Nick and Dan pointed out: “When you stop expecting people to be perfect, it’s much easier to see them for who they are.” How are people guilty of lumping others into a stereotype they believe to be common to all people like them? In what ways do we overlook our own sin?

- ◆ We all have equal access! (Read Acts 10:34, 35)

God welcomes all people to Christ. Pastor Nick and Dan expressed the value of being “missionaries.” How can you engage other nations/ethnic groups in showing the love of Jesus and sharing the gospel of Jesus?

- ◆ We all have equal standing! (Read Galatians 3:28)

When you see diversity in the church, what is your first response? What should you do?

WORK IT OUT:

What would it look like for you to “listen, learn, and love”?