

RAISING PEACEMAKERS

CONVERSATIONS ABOUT JESUS, RACE, + PARENTING



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WEEK 1: IT BEGINS WITH US



If we are going to raise peacemakers and pursue racial justice, the work toward equality and justice begins with us.

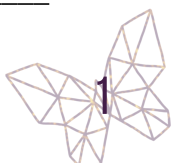
STORIES.

“YOUR WHOLE STORY MATTERS.
THE PAST IS FOR REVIEW,
NOT FOR DIRECTION.”

Throughout this training, I will commit _____

GOSPEL FRAMEWORK.

On a scale of 1-10,
I viewed peacemaking and racial justice up until now
as an important expression of the Gospel.
(1 = not important at all, 5 = somewhat important, 10 = utmost importance): _____



CREATING THE FRAME.

Creating clarity and safety in these difficult conversations.

SPARK _____

GOAL: _____

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CREATES THE ILLUSION OF TRANSFORMATION.

_____ ORIENTED

GROUNDING IN _____

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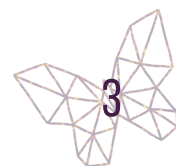
GUIDELINES + PRAYERS.

- + Disruption and discomfort are opportunities for growth and transformation.
- + When we judge, we disconnect from the relationship.
- + Questions and confession move us forward.
- + Cultivate a hunger.
- + Increase empathy.
- + Commitment to ongoing justice and reconciliation.
- + We are better together, and this racial work is bringing more heaven on earth.

DEFINING TERMS.

While there are different definitions out there, this is the way we are defining the terms for our purposes.

- + Race: Social construct based on shared physical or social qualities
- + Implicit Bias: A learned unconscious attitude, association, or belief that we likely have in favor of our in-group and against people who differ from us. (Suzy Fauria, LMSW)
- + Systemic Racism: Systems and structures that have procedures or processes that disadvantage black people
- + White Supremacy: Conscious or unconscious bias that whiteness dominates other races, but especially black people
- + White Privilege: Inherent privileges because of your race, not based on anything you have or haven't done, and received as a result of systemic racism
- + Reconciler: People who create relational trust to move people toward racial reconciliation
- + Peacemaking: Movement toward conflict equipped with tools to heal and transform rather than to win or destroy (Global Immersion Project)
- + Diversity: Intentional integration of those who are different from the racial majority
- + Politics: Our shared life together



CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE.

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REFLECT + DISCUSS:

- + Where have I come from? (Genesis 16)
- + What messages about race did I learn growing up?
- + How do I benefit from systemic injustice?
- + What are my implicit biases?
- + What racial messages am I passing on to my kids?
- + How is God inviting me to respond? Of all the different things I can "do" as a parent, what must I do next?

READ:

- + Be the Bridge by Latasha Morrison
- + White Awake by Daniel Hill
- + Dream with Me by Dr. John Perkins
- + White Fragility by Robin Diangelo
- + Roadmap to Reconciliation by Dr. Brenda Salter McNeil
- + I'm Still Here by Austin Channing Brown

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LISTEN:

- + Podcast: Unlocking Us with Brené Brown episode with Ibram X. Kendi (June 2, 2020)
- + Podcast: Unlocking Us with Brené Brown episode with Austin Channing Brown (June 9, 2020)

DO:

- + Take the [Implicit Association Test](#)
- + Practice saying, "I'm sorry. I'm listening. I'm learning." (Osheta Moore)
- + Evaluate the voices you listen to and learn from (TV, books, podcasts, social media follows, pastors). What percentage of them are black or people of color?

