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## INTRODUCTION

## In His Image

Our nation was founded on the principle that all people are created equal. But has society really treated all people the same? Everyone was created in the image of God, which means there is no place for partiality. Yet, without a doubt, racism is alive throughout the world.

As Christians, how should we view racism? How can we combat it? Tune in this Sunday, as Pastor Tim addresses the powerful problem that burdens the hearts of us and of God..

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you think it is difficult to talk about the subject of racism in our culture today? If so, why?
2. In what ways might we be racist without knowing it? Why is it important that we talk about this subject?
3. Read Genesis 1:27, Galatians 3:28-29, and James 2:8. Based upon these verses, Pastor Tim's talk, and your own understanding, how might you try to persuade someone that racism is wrong?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8. How might these verses be applied to the all that we are facing in our culture today?
5. What are some practical steps we might take to address the problem of racism in our own lives, the country and even, the church?

## APPLICATION

Racism is present in our world today. We would love to believe that legal, economic, political, and social institutions treat all people the same regardless of their race—but, sadly, that is not the case. We might even think that we are personally not racists, but we have to recognize that we are a part of a system that treats people differently, even when it isn't our own intention.

How can we, as Christians, begin to combat racism? According to the Gospel, God wants us all to view and treat people as He does. We are not to discriminate against anyone. We are to view people as our neighbors. We are to care for those that are different from us. All the barriers that may divide us are to be removed—there is no room for anyone to think they are better than anyone else. God accepts all people—shouldn't we?

All people are created in the image of God. All people trace their lineage to Adam and Eve. All people are our neighbors. All people should be helped, especially those who are mistreated. All people are invited into Christ's church.

## KEY VERSES (HCSB)

Genesis 1:27  
Acts 17:26-27  
Luke 10:36-37  
James 2:8  
Zechariah 7:9-10  
Acts 2:9-11  
Galatians 3:28-29  
Romans 2:11