



Week 2

PRE-READINGS:

Racial Handbook

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Understanding Privilege

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To be antiracist is a radical choice in the face of history, requiring a radical reorientation of our consciousness--IBRAM KENDI

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. Where have you seen the *Beloved Community* lived out this week?
2. In Dr. King's Letter to Birmingham Jail, King writes, *"I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial "outside agitator" idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds."* How does this speak to you today? How does this speak to the *Beloved Community Today*?



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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS (CONT.):

Let's talk about Race

3. From a scale of 1-100, how much of your life is impacted by race? Why?
4. When were you first aware of your race? What childhood experiences did you have with friends or adults who were different from you in some way?
5. How, if ever, did any adult give you help thinking about racial differences?

What does Scripture say?

6. In Genesis 2:7 God, "*breathed the breath of life*" into the first humans. This set humans apart from all other created things. This means we all equally bear God's image---the imago dei. What does the image of God have to do with our thoughts about race?
7. What does it mean for us to be an antiracist community? An antiracist church? What challenges does the *Beloved Community* face in the future?

POST-WORK FOR NEXT WEEK:

Read Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Our God is Marching On!"

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Journal:



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Website:

- “Historical Foundations of Race”

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Recommended Movies:

- *Just Mercy* (2019), Rated PG-13
- *The Hate You Give* (2018), Rated PG-13
- *BlacKkKlansman* (2018), Rated R
- *13th* (2016), TV-MA Netflix Documentary
- *When They See Us* (2019), TV-MA Netflix Mini-Series
- *Do the Right Thing* (1989), Rated R
- *Loving* (2016), Rated PG-13
- *12 Years a Slave* (2013), Rated R

Additional Readings:

- *Dear Church*, Lenny Duncan
- *How to Be an Antiracist*, Ibram X. Kendi
- *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You*, Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi (ideal for jr. & high school students)
- *Welcoming Justice*, Charles Marsh and John M. Perkins
- *We Are Called to Be a Movement*, Rev. Dr. William Barber
- *Bread for the Resistance: Forty Devotions for Justice People*, Donna Barber
- *Jesus and the Disinherited*, Howard Thurman
- *White Fragility*, Robin DiAngelo and Michael Eric Dyson
- *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*, Austin Channing Brown

