

BEYOND SUNDAY: June 13, 2021



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Message: **Make Us One!**

At PCC, we want any person from any racial or ethnic background to feel like they are among family. In order to do so, we must become more aware of God's heart for racial reconciliation, key historical events, and the harm caused to many. Each week, our "[Be The Bridge](#)" (BTB) series will help us journey toward greater understanding, empathy and, in time, action. This week, we focus on how seeking and extending forgiveness is essential to being a bridge builder.

INDIVIDUAL & GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#1

How would you relate the game of [Jenga](#) to building a bridge of racial reconciliation?(Let your mind get creative as you ponder.) And how do you see [1 Corinthians 3:10-11](#) relating to this process of building a bridge of racial reconciliation?

#2

Note the 7-steps process toward racial reconciliation from the book **Be the Bridge**. Which step(s) have you leaned into the most and which step(s) seem more confusing or daunting?

Step 1 - Lament & Release Guilt/Shame

Step 2 - Confess

Step 3 - Forgive

Step 4 - Repent

Step 5 - Repair

Step 6 - Restore

Step 7 - Reproduce

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#3

Read aloud these passages regarding the key biblical ideals of racial reconciliation.

[Genesis 1:27](#)

[1 Corinthians 1:10](#)

[Galatians 3:28](#)

[John 17:20-23](#)

[2 Corinthians 5:17-19](#)

[Revelation 7:9-10](#)

[Acts 10:34-35](#)

Which two are you drawn to the most and why?

#4

During this series and/or in your group time, what are the 2-3 ways you have grown most in awareness?

What story, passage, or concept has impacted you the most?

Is there anyone in your group you need to thank or apologize to?

#5

What personal steps could you take to continue to grow in educational awareness, experiences cross-culturally or in engagement 1-on-1? See [Be the Bridge Continues](#) for next steps resources. How could you help your friends, family, and church members understand the work of biblical racial reconciliation?

A PRAYER FOR THE FUTURE

*modified from BTB, page 190

As a group or individually, declare the prayer below:

God, we ask that you would use the awareness and acknowledgment of our brokenness and our disobedience in loving our neighbor the way you would to restore our relationship with humanity. We pray that you would raise up a multitude of repentant and bold leaders to humbly and profoundly guide your church to be the world changers you designed us to be. Holy Spirit, give us open eyes, ears, hearts, minds, and spirits to recognize injustice and lead us to be restorers of dignity, worth, and justice. We recognize that as we are reconciled and restored to our God through you, we also should be reconciled and restored to one another. Jesus, may we be found faithful in the restoration of the Imago Dei in all humanity in all the corners of creation.

Actions:

- If you participated in a group: fill out the [Be the Bridge Group Evaluation Form](#)
- Check out [Be the Bridge Continues](#) for next steps resources