



Thank you for watching and learning with us at Fair Oaks University this summer. Our goal is to listen and grow in our understanding of our faith, race and justice. These questions are meant to spur on that process. We encourage you to have a discussion with those in your small group, household, or friends. We think this will be especially beneficial if we are willing to share and respectfully **listen** to one another.

The whole point of this discussion is to become better at loving one another. Jesus, commanded us in John 15:12 to love one another as he has loved us. Growing in our ability to love not only makes us more like Christ but is also a mandate for believers. Furthermore, it will make the Gospel more apparent in our church and community!

If you are interested in connecting with someone on these questions, feel free to reach out to Chris Eatough at ceatough@fairoaks.church

In response to *A Conversation about Race, Justice, and the Gospel* with Dr. Bryan Loritts, work your way through these questions.

1. What do you think the differences between communal or independent cultures are? Why does it become important to address issues like race and justice for people who are from communal backgrounds?
2. Regardless of whether you agree with the protests or not, Dr Loritts explains that one of the main reasons for the protests is to express that this group of individuals feels powerless, oppressed, marginalized, and voiceless. Have you ever felt any of these feelings? Do you see these things occurring in society?
3. Dr. Loritts claims that the movement of racial justice has moved away from its biblical roots. How do you think Christians, of all races, should behave regarding race and justice? How should the church lead in regard to race?
4. How do you provide good stewardship over your "privilege"? What are you doing with the "privilege" that you have?
5. Dr. Loritts brought up 2 Corinthians 5:18 citing that we have been the ministry of reconciliation. How do you think our church and you personally can engage our community in reconciliation?
6. There are over 2,350 verses that speak to God's heart to the poor, the immigrant, the widow, and the orphan. In what way do you reflect God's heart for these in your life and actions?
7. In what ways have you stopped to lament, reflect, and consider the emotional and societal toll that the murders of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd were on the Black community?
8. "It's never good enough to not be racist, we have to be anti-racist." How does this quote sit with you? Have you lived this?

