

Gospel and Race

1. Admit racism is real

We can't be a part of a solution to a problem we don't know exists.

"For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation... so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross... For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father."

[Ephesians 2:14-18]

2. Live in harmony

"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with each other."

[Romans 12:15-16]

3. Be a bridge-builder and a peacemaker

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

[Matthew 5:9]

"Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them."

[Titus 3:10]

When you are called to build a bridge, you are going to be walked on by both sides.

"A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill – I'll pay you on my way back.'"

[Luke 10:33-35]

"What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?"

[Luke 10:36]