

Race, Religion and Reconciliation

Tuesdays, June 30, July 7, 14 & 21

7-8:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting (*by 6:55 pm, please test the link and your equipment prior to class*)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81447539176?pwd=TEZLdUxtY0Znc2VCYi9vRFo0aDNPZz09>

Session 1: (June 30) Laying the Groundwork on Race

PRE-WORK:

1. Familiarize yourself with Chapter 1 from Wallis: *Race is A Story* (scan attached to email)
2. Watch “Holy Post” video: *Race in America* (17 minutes) <https://youtu.be/AGUwcs9qJXY>
3. Locate yourself on the *Becoming Anti-Racist* chart (scan attached to email): Where are you currently? The goal of this course is to move toward growth, even just a little bit. Everyone is starting in a different place and will conclude the course in a different place. No comparisons will be made. We will self-evaluate at the end of this course.
4. Select a notebook or a dedicated file on your device that you can use to take notes, write down words or phrases that come to you as you process this information both during pre-work and in classes. This is for your own use only and there is no expectation to share.

SESSION OUTLINE:

Introductions, opening scripture and prayer

What is the scope and focus of the course?

How will we navigate our discussions together?

What do these terms mean? Bias (Implicit and other), Prejudice, Race, Racism, Systemic Racism, White Supremacy, White Privilege

What is Racism and its impacts? Short videos (will be viewed together in class)

- Racism is Real
- A Conversation about Growing up Black

What is “The Talk?” (Unpack, react and discuss). Begin dreaming of a “New Talk”

Take time as a group for quiet reflection and processing, then pray together

Primary Text: Wallis, Jim. *America’s Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America*. Brazos Press, 2016.