

Faithful Anti-Racism Notes

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Racial Reconciliation

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| <p>Slide 1 it didn't happen that way</p>  | <p>You've ever been in a conversation with someone and it is about an event that you both were present in and maybe you were hurt in that event or vice versa. But yet how things happen for you and the individual were different. Instead of the conversation ending with an apology and change for either individual. It ends with "It didn't happen that way" How can we implement change if we don't look at the past if we don't have these conversations no matter what your view is. The fact is that it happened and it is still hurting and in order to heal and reconcile the past has to be recognized for what it is. How can we walk in racial reconciliation if we are not having these conversations or better yet acknowledging both views on what it really was.</p> |
| <p>Slide 2 What's the point?<br/>White Female, 50's<br/>White Male, 40's<br/>Asian Female, 20's<br/>Unknown<br/>Scripture and the Past<br/>Reconciliation</p> | <p>Sometimes we can't move forward because we have many voices saying what's the point in talking about it. Here are a few <b>Read pages 69-70</b></p> <p>-The question that the book gives is doesn't the Bible teach us not to focus on the past such as scriptures like <b><i>Isaiah 43:25 God blots out sin and forgets it.</i></b><br/><b><i>Philippians 3:13 forgetting things behind and moving forward to what's ahead</i></b></p>   |

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|                                  | <p>But the Bible also shows a large portion of history and the importance of remembering the past. It does not discourage us but encourages us to look at the past.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Reconciliation. Imagine your child who you hurt came to you to let you know. Even if everything in your mind felt it was justified. When at some point do you humble yourself and acknowledge that your actions hurt them. The only way reconciliation can happen if both of you participate.</li></ul> <p>“ it is uncomfortable to talk about slavery, but it is far more uncomfortable to be trapped in it”</p> |
| <p>Slide 3 Truth of the Past</p> | <p>1452 to 1963<br/>I will read all the events that took place that built and sustained the racial injustice in the United States<br/><b>1452-Pope Nicholas issues the Doctrine of Discovery</b><br/><b>1492- Columbus claims the “New World” for Spain</b><br/><b>1620- Puritans bring beliefs about white superiority from England</b><br/><b>1637- Colonist wage “total war” and enslave Native Americans</b><br/><b>1676-Bacon’s Rebellion and the Beginning of African Slavery</b><br/><b>1787- Three-Fifths clause in the US Constitution</b><br/><b>1793-Baptist Committee declares</b></p>                                |

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**slavery a government issue**  
**1861-The Civil War begins over slavery and religious rights**  
**1865-A thwarted Attempt to empower freed Slaves**  
**1860-1950- Many White Christian Support unjust laws and participate in hate groups**  
**1879-Christian boarding schools force Native Americans to assimilate**  
**1882- The Chinese Exclusion Act**  
**1890-1920-Many White Christians view “social action” as a dangerous distraction**  
**1930-Deportations in the Southwest**  
**1934- The National Housing Act of 1934**  
**1944-The GI Bill**  
**1963-Alabama clergymen appeal for “law and order”**  
**1968-Civil Rights legislation remains unenforced and unimplemented**

Reading these became very overwhelming but I found it important to read the list in my presentation. Many things that came against us and half of them did not sound familiar to

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|  | <p>me. In order for myself to know how to push forward and even start a conversation I have to be well equipped on my history and I am not. Growing up knowing this wasn't important as long as you knew the Bible that was all that matters.</p>   |
| Slide 4 Colorblindness                               | <p><b>Read quote on page 79-80</b><br/>Bonilla Silva in his quote about color blindness list elements of it which are:</p> <p>In the 1960's we started to fight back and the White peoples status started to be challenged but in order to keep us at the bottom of the Hierarchy "Colorblindness" became their new weapon.</p>                           |
| Slide 5 Building and Sustaining the Racial Hierarchy | <p>As we know money, power, status, health, land, and security were the reasons Whites wanted to maintain on top of the Hierarchy. These were the measures they took to stay on top.</p> <p><b>Read pages 81-82</b></p> <p>This is a lie they used and is in direct opposition to what the Bible teaches that we are all created in the image of God.</p> |
| Slide 6 Belief in white superiority in               | "Most people when we think of White   |

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| <p>our society today</p>                       | <p>superiority we think of the KKK or George Wallace yelling segregation now, tomorrow and forever.</p> <p>White Superiority is alive in our today's society especially in the churches. The observance of this from the authors are:<br/><b>Read page 83</b></p> <p>These are the negative ramifications of the list I just read<br/><b>Read page 84</b></p> |
| <p>Slide 7 The importance of truth telling</p> | <p>Historical reflection is a way to make others aware and promote growth and building up each other in love. Scripture says we will know each other by the way we love each other. As Christians we are to uphold the truth and acknowledge the pain that has caused the church to continue to be silent in Racial reconciliation</p>                        |