

**"... Racism: Does Pigment Really Matter?"**

(Acts 1:8; Galatians 3:28; Luke 10:25-37)

**I. Introduction: I Have Been Thinking about ...**

- A. The **Past**: Where we've been ...
- B. The **Future**: Where we're going ...
- C. The **Present**: Where we are ...
  - Racism in our world
  - Racism in our country
  - Racism in our churches

**II. Exposition: Racism: Does Pigment Really Matter?**

- A. The issue of sin
  - Acts 1:8
  - Romans 5:12
- B. The issue of salvation
  - Genesis 12:1-3
  - John 3:16
  - Galatians 3:28
- C. The issue of love – Luke 10:25-37
  1. The **players** (v. 25a)
    - A lawyer
    - Jesus
  2. The **problem** (vv. 25b-26)
    - The question
    - The ~~answer~~ question
  3. The **proclamation** (vv. 27-28)
    - Love God (Deuteronomy 6:5)
    - Love Neighbor (Leviticus 19:18)
  4. The **pronouncement** (v. 29)

5. The **petition** (v. 29)
6. The **parable** (vv. 30-35)
  - A man
  - A priest
  - A Levite
  - A Samaritan
7. The **point** (vv. 36-37)
  - The question
  - The answer
  - The application

**III. Conclusion**

- A. Is God a racist?
  - Genesis 12:3
  - John 3:16
  - Revelation 5:9-10; 7:9-10
- B. Will I live by the law of love?
  - Matthew 5:43-48
- C. Will I allow compassion to move me to action?

**Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:**

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
2. In what ways have you seen or personally experienced racism?
3. As part of the human race, we are all united in the area of sin and Jesus coming as the Savior. What does this tell us about race relations and our interacting with others who are not "like us?"
4. What most impacts you out of the interaction of Jesus with the lawyer and the story of the Good Samaritan?
5. What stuck out to you from the conclusion?
6. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)