

Faith and Racial Equity

Module 1: Exploring Power and Privilege

This nine-week session program will help participants develop awareness of the ways that racial privilege impacts our communities and ourselves. Through a deep dive into the Gospel of Luke, participants learn how Jesus's teachings guide us in seeking racial justice in today's world.

The goal of the class is to learn practical tools for becoming anti-racist, and for effecting change in our communities. All sessions include prayer, dialogue, active listening, relationship building, videos/guest speaker. This is not a book study – the lessons integrate the readings with videos to stimulate dialogue. Except for the first session, which will be about 90 minutes, the sessions run about 2 ¼ hours.

Books:

- I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness by Austin Channing Brown
- White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo
- 40 Days of Prayer by Cheri Mills

Overview of Sessions

Getting to Know You: this pre-session will occur on the first day the class meets. It is an opportunity to begin to get to know the other participants.

Session 1: Introduction to the theme and white fragility

Session 2: Origins of race and racial identity

Session 3: Socialization – how cultural messages influence racial awareness

Session 4: Affect of whiteness on institutions/communities

Session 5: Guest speaker, privilege, and the education system

Session 6: Racialized messages in media

Session 7: Implicit bias, policing, drug policy

Session 8: Discerning action steps