**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. June 7, 2020**

**Racism In The Church?**

Galatians 2:11-21

**Key Truth:** As Christians we must stand against racism, injustice, and hypocrisy, because the truth of the Gospel is at stake.

**Some Things Are Worth Fighting For:**

1. Racism that is not challenged will affect and infect good

 people.

 A. There can be no neutrality when it comes, to racism

 and injustice.

 B. Barnabas’ silence turned into compliance and

 complicity.

 C. The Apostle Paul challenged the status quo and we

 should too.

 1. Paul confronted him publicly.

 A. The Gentiles needed to know where Paul stood on

 this issue.

**The Gospel And Its Implications:**

1. Social justice and racism are a gospel issue.

2. Our identity in Christ is the most important thing.

3. What you don’t reveal you can’t heal.

 A. We must remove the sinful thread of racism woven

 into the fabric of America.

4. Be courageous enough to address racism in the home,

 church and in society.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Be willing to be despised and persecuted in order to stand up for what’s righteous. Make love, mercy, justice, and forgiveness a priority.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

During the last couple of weeks how have you felt about all that has taken place in our country?

Read Proverbs 6:16-19: Racism grows out of sin and pride. Why do you think God responds so passionately to theses seven sins?

Read Matthew 10:34-39: Because social injustice and racism are a Gospel issues that Jesus takes seriously. How should we respond when our allegiance to Jesus and family members are at odds?

The Apostle Paul risked a lot to stand up for what was right.? Have you ever experienced someone making racist remarks or being prejudice? How did you respond?

**Relationship** – It’s hard to care about something you are not connected to. Take time to get to know people who aren’t like you. Have you reached out and discussed these recent issues with another ethnic group? Why or why not?

**Intentional** – Living a life that is diverse doesn’t happen on accident. Be intentional with those you surround yourself with. Do have relationships with other ethnicities and people who don’t think or look like you?

**Knowledge** – Ignorance furthers the issues. Do the work to educate yourself as well as creating space for people to be educated. What are you doing to self-educate yourself on racism in America?

**Start at home/Speak Up** – All of our voices are needed. Speak up against injustice. Do you tolerate racism/prejudice in your home?