



Racial Equality Discussions

Coming Up:

September 12- October 3 (Sundays), 9:30 am

Dan Waugh and Tim O'Connor will lead a four-week **ACG (Adult Community Group)** on the topic. The class will sketch the contours of a biblical theology of race, discuss biblical notions of justice, and consider cultural responses to race and racism.

September 15 (Wednesday), 6:30 pm

September 26 (Sunday), 3:00 pm

Our presenters and conversation partners will include members of our congregation as well as guest pastors from other churches.

Previous presenters' conversations can be viewed on our website or YouTube page: [ChristCommunityBloomington](#).



*"We don't have all the answers,
but we refuse to avoid the difficult questions."*

This is a statement that you may be accustomed to hearing at Christ Community Church. In other words, the gospel of Jesus Christ relates to all the difficult issues of life. As a community of faith, we don't suggest that the gospel is one dimensional, relating only to the salvation of the soul. The good news is about *all* of life. When marriages are in crisis, we provide Biblical solutions for rebuilding relationships. When parents are struggling with raising a child, we provide Biblically sound resources to help them. Indeed, this has become a Christian industry.

However, when some issues emerge we are tempted to "just preach the Gospel" and it will solve the problem. This is an inadequate approach for addressing the racial tensions that are currently dividing our nation and our churches. As Esau McCaulley, professor of New Testament at Wheaton College, recently wrote, *"As all of Paul's letters make clear, Christian discipleship is about showing how the implications of the gospel spread out in a thousand directions. In the same way, we must show our people how the Christian faith makes a difference in how we respond to the suffering of the world. To do otherwise is a failure of discipleship."*

Grappling with difficult issues from a Christian perspective is a form of discipleship. Offering a series of congregational conversations on the issue of racial equality is discipleship.