

Viewfinder

PART 3: CONVERSATIONS

INTRODUCTION

When we see things from another's point of view, it helps us move toward each other. It takes down walls and defenses and allows us to see each other a little differently. But what's next? How can we continue the conversation?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In your experience, what are some things that contribute to a good conversation?
2. Where is one of your favorite places to have a conversation? What makes it a great place to talk to somebody?
3. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other." How do you see that sequence playing out in current events?
4. How does understanding another person's history affect the conversation?
5. Pastor Lee Jenkins gave us five steps to having a reconciling conversation. For each one, discuss: Why is it important? What does it look like? What are some obstacles? How can we overcome them?
 1. Listen
 2. Believe
 3. Befriend
 4. Care For
 5. Stand Up For

What is one thing you can do this week to move toward a reconciling conversation?

MOVING FORWARD

With regard to racial reconciliation, there has been progress, but there's more to be done. As followers of Jesus, we are called to unity. Jesus even prayed for it. If this is his view, what are the implications for us as the body of Christ? What is something you can do to initiate a conversation?

WEEKLY READING

Read John 17:20-26. Pray for unity as Jesus did.