

# Lent Week 6: Racial Justice

This week we will go through a bible study on RightNow Media called, "Race & the Gospel". Sign up here for your free account: [bit.ly/2OESVrU](http://bit.ly/2OESVrU)

## Monday: pray

Activity: **Pray through the Prayers to Stand Against Racism:** [bit.ly/3t18GDg](http://bit.ly/3t18GDg)

Watch "**Session 1: Race & the Gospel**" on RightNow Media: [bit.ly/30TfwU5](http://bit.ly/30TfwU5).

Talk through the Study Guide with your family or group: [bit.ly/3bQifUZ](http://bit.ly/3bQifUZ)

Read: John 15:1-17

## Tuesday: fast

Activity: **Fast from shopping at your normal stores. Shop only from ethnic minority owned businesses & grocery stores. Here is a list of black owned businesses in Round Rock:** [bit.ly/3rOzhbl](http://bit.ly/3rOzhbl)

"**Session 2: Gospel Unity**": [bit.ly/30TfwU5](http://bit.ly/30TfwU5). / Study guide: [bit.ly/3vnoJcM](http://bit.ly/3vnoJcM)

Read: John 15:18-27

## Wednesday: serve/ give

Activity: **Print the 30 Days of Anti-Racism Calendar:** [bit.ly/3rR4WZM](http://bit.ly/3rR4WZM) & put it on the fridge. Visit the "**Dismantling Racism: Lent Devotions**" page: [bit.ly/3tgvUdC](http://bit.ly/3tgvUdC) & **Resources for Becoming an Anti-Racist:** [bit.ly/3vjoUyF](http://bit.ly/3vjoUyF)

"**Session 3: Justice & the Church**": [bit.ly/30TfwU5](http://bit.ly/30TfwU5). / Guide: [bit.ly/3cvBS3x](http://bit.ly/3cvBS3x)

Read: John 16:1-15

## Thursday: pray

Activity: **Prayerfully reflect on the "Examination of Self" questions & pray the Prayer of Confession today.**

"**Session 4: Dividing Wall of Hostility**": [bit.ly/30TfwU5](http://bit.ly/30TfwU5). / Guide: [bit.ly/3lgO6AX](http://bit.ly/3lgO6AX)

Read: John 16:16-33

## Friday: fast

Activity: **Fast from shopping at your normal stores. Shop only from ethnic minority owned businesses & grocery stores.**

"**Session 5: A Reconciled Life**": [bit.ly/30TfwU5](http://bit.ly/30TfwU5). / Guide: [bit.ly/3eCAONT](http://bit.ly/3eCAONT)

Read: John 17

## Saturday: serve/ give

Activity: **Visit the Equal Justice website:** [bit.ly/38GIBXc](http://bit.ly/38GIBXc) and share with someone something you learned.

Read: John 18:1-24

## Examination of Self Questions

1. **Have I** fully loved God and fully loved my neighbor as myself?
2. **Have I** caused pain to others by my actions or my words that offended my brother or my sister?
3. **Have I** done enough to **inform myself** about the sin of racism, its roots, and its historical and contemporary manifestations? Have I **opened my heart** to see how **unequal access** to economic opportunity, jobs, housing, and education on the basis of skin color, race, or ethnicity, has denied and continues to deny the equal dignity of others?
4. **Is there** a root of racism **within me** that blurs my vision of who my neighbor is?
5. **Have I** ever witnessed an occasion when someone "fell victim" to personal, institutional, systematic or social racism and I did or said nothing, leaving the victim to address their pain alone?
6. **Have I** ever lifted up and aided a person who "fell victim" to personal, institutional, systematic or social racism and paid a price for extending mercy to the other? How did I react? Did my faith grow? Am I willing to grow even more in faith through my actions?

## Prayer of Confession:

Most merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have left undone.

I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I am truly sorry and I humbly repent.

I recognize that racism manifests in my own individual thoughts, attitudes, actions, and inactions. It also manifests in social structures and unjust systems that perpetuate centuries of racial injustice. For my individual actions and my participation in unjust structures, I seek forgiveness and move towards reconciliation.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on me and forgive me; that I may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.