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A CONVERSATION KIT ON

RACISM

Conversation Guide

Racism, ep. 4

Episode 4 summary

- Despite God's heart for justice and the oppressed, the Church of God has often been inconsistent on these things.
- The church was vulnerable to what humanity has been struggling with for all of time: placing our own way above God's way.
- Throughout all of this, the Church has consistently been one of the most diverse forces on the planet as Jesus invites all people to himself.

1. Racism and Power
2. Racism and Media
3. Woke Jesus
4. The Church

Discussion questions

01 Jesus did a lot of things differently than we might expect. He didn't grab at power and he willingly died. Does Jesus' humility resonate with you? Why is it significant that God would come live and die with us?

02 People often point to the church's questionable history and relation to power to invalidate Christianity. Do you think we should pay attention to this history or just focus on what's happening right now?

03 The historian Tom Holland concluded that compassion is what makes us Christian. Do you agree with this? Would you add anything to his definition?

Diving deeper

Read **Revelation 3:14-22**. For context, chapters 2 and 3 contain Jesus' specific words for churches at that time. You may not go to the church of Laodicea, but think about your own church. Do you feel like you're neither cold nor hot? Do you think the church right now is lukewarm? Cold? Hot? Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal this to you. Make yourself open to the Spirit's guidance, that you might be a part of helping and healing the world around you.