

June Mastermind: A Gospel Centered Conversation About Racial Reconciliation

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The women in this community have dialogued with us on this tough topics with Gospel-centered and grace-filled responses.

We struggle finding where we fit as believers because we don't land in an earthly camp. Because this world is not our home. - MM

Love + unity - foundational elements of the Christian faith. - MM

This is a gospel conversation that demands a gospel response. - MM

I didn't think it was a race thing, it could have been fixed with common courtesy. - Sonda Williams (SW)

Let's raise our children to say hello back to people who speak to us. - SW

Every time He pours into us, it's so that He can equip us to pour out to others. - Alonda Tanner (AT)

When you walk into church and other Christian environments, don't be so set on receiving that you miss opportunities to give. We can't compartmentalize service and discipleship.- AT

Everything we get is a tool to give to others. - AT

It's very important with all the noise, that we make time to hear God's voice. - SW

The enemy wants us to be distracted by a cause or an an issue. All that we're seeing and dealing with, it's not flesh and blood. This is a spiritual battle in a broken world that we're dealing with. - SW

He equally loves each and every one of us. He died for each and every one of us. - SW

The God that saved you is the only true Just One. - SW

At the foot of the cross, every single one of us is equal. - SW

The good thing is that there is a God who loves us and everything that we're seeing is rooted in evil. - SW

At the end of the day, people need to know the gospel. - SW

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Jesus, are you glorified? - SW

Ephesians 6

These battles are fought through prayer. - SW

If it doesn't lead them to Jesus and the cross, then we have to stop and ask "is God being glorified?" - SW

The Kingdom of God and the earthly kingdoms are clashing. - AT

How do we fight in a way that honors God and deals with the spiritual issue? - AT

There is not justice that can be done that will rectify all of the hurt without God. - AT

The most important things that we can do looks passive to the rest of the world: prayer, humbling ourselves, being willing to serve, and love. - AT

He can do more with our obedience than an abundance of us can do with our own strength. - AT

Gospel-centered justice movement > social justice

We can discuss what we have missed as a church and also recognize what we have done for Him. - Phoebe Montemayor (PM)

As long as you keep focusing on what other people are saying, you're likely to miss what God is saying. As long as you focus on what others are doing or not doing, you're likely to miss what God is asking you to do. - PM

God calls us to love Him through belief and action and to love others through belief and action. - PM

Romans 3:23; Romans 8:1

Hebrews 4:16

We know that we are fully known and fully loved by God. - PM

There is a difference between guilt and conviction. - PM

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Don't get caught up in the savior complex - there is one Savior, and His name is Jesus. - PM

Only Jesus is the One that can change hearts. - PM

Ezekiel 36:26

John 13:4-5, 7

Acts 20:24

Remain motivated and led by the Holy Spirit. - PM

If we want to be seen as unified, what better place to do that than in the local church? - SP

When confronted with someone who intends hate or hurt, I want to share Jesus. - SW

The brokenness and sin of mankind will continue to animate this. The gospel is the only thing that will solve it. So even when met with hate and hurt, I will choose to respond with the gospel. - SW

Go make friends with people of other races and cultures. - SW

Let's teach our kids how to love. - AT

Discipleship happens first and foremost in my home. - AT

responding to God and the gospel > performing for people. - MM

When moving from awareness to action, act in response to God instead of performing for people. - MM

Always be available for God. - MM