

COMMUNITY READING EXPERIENCE Week 2

BEYOND COLORBLIND by SARAH SHIN

~WE NEED CHRIST'S LOVE TO BRING ETHNIC RESTORATION AND RECONCILIATION~

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CHAPTER 3

- 1. What are some broken responses that you have had to your ethnic identity?
- 2. Where have you seen idolatry in your own ethnic people? Were there any mentioned in this chapter that resonated with you? How has that affected you, your family, and/or other people in your ethnic group?
- 3. What do you think Biblical, communal confession, lament and repentance would look like?
- 4. What do you think Jesus' restoration in ethnic or racial issues you've encountered in your life look like?

CHAPTER 4

- 1. Have you ever found yourself in a place where you didn't fit in? Why did you feel this way? Did you feel pressure to fit in or to remain different?
- 2. What do you think being a peacemaker or reconciler looks like in your context according to the Bible?
- 3. What is a gift God has given you that can be used to bring unity to the body of Christ? How does your ethnicity or culture affect your reconciliatory work?
- 4. Is there a group or person who Jesus is calling you to forgive? Or is there a group or person who He is calling you to be reconciled to?

CHAPTER 5

- 1. What do you think about the idea of "embracing" and "educating" opponents?
- 2. Where might Jesus be calling you to show up, listen, and pursue justice?
- 3. How can you make a person who is in the minority and less powerful feel welcome and honored?
- 4. In learning about ethnic identity and race, where have you experienced fear, shame, or anxiety or used it with others? Where is God calling you to use hope, love, and faith as motivators instead?



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WEEKLY QUESTIONS

- What was something that you learned from the book? Did this help you understand a Biblical concept or passage better or differently?
- Was there something you disagreed with? What Biblical concept or passage led you to this?
- Was there anything that left you with more questions? What Biblical concept or passage might help address these?

BIBLICAL PASSAGES MENTIONED IN THE READING

Thinking about the reading, how could one or more of these passages apply to your life this week?

- Genesis 1-3
- Judges 6:25-27
- Psalm 14
- Psalm 51
- Matthew 5:38-48
- Matthew 6:33
- Matthew 25:34-40

- Mark 12:28-33
- Luke 10:25-37
- Acts
- Ephesians 2:14-16
- 1 John 4:18
- Revelations 3:12
- Revelations 7:9