



Purley Baptist Church

## Discipleship Guide 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020

"Am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9)

**This Week's BIG IDEA:** Stephen explored the question that Cain voiced to God after he murdered his brother Abel. In the context of the events in the US, we are our brother's keeper by standing together, especially when we see or hear wrong.

**CONNECT IN:** Here's an ice breaker question you might want to use this week:

Who has been the greatest influence on your life and why?

**CONNECT UP:** Fix your eyes on God and give him an opportunity to speak to you through his Word

**Starter...** For many the topic of racism is an elephant in the room. Why is this?

1. How would you define racism?
2. In what ways is racism experienced in our society? (Share from personal experience if you feel comfortable in doing so). Has this changed at all in your life time?
3. Through your own experience, how do you think the church has handled such issues of racism in society and also in the church?

**Read: 1 Peter 2:9, Romans 12:10, Galatians 1:14, Galatians 3:28.**

4. How might these verses be helpful as we reflect on racial injustice?
5. If you overheard discriminating comments from someone what actions would you take towards those who make those remarks?
6. What steps can we take in order to help eradicate racism in our society and church?

### **Pray**

- In small groups pray that God's spirit will enable you to speak out against injustice.
- Pray that Jesus will 'Break down the walls of hostility' (Eph. 2:14) in our society.