



Helping the Next Gen Win with Racial Issues

One of the most helpful things we can do for the next generation is share the experiences that have shaped us. In his message on Sunday, Joseph Sojourner does just that. His incredible story has the power to inspire and encourage people of this generation and the next. As you take some time to discuss the message, keep in mind that you have the opportunity in front of you to bring about racial reconciliation in your generation so that the next gen is set up to win.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What part of Sunday's message stood out to you? Was there anything you disagreed with or that encouraged you?

"The greatest fight we can fight is to fight for, not fight against."

Why do we find it difficult to sympathize with those whose story we don't understand?

- We all have a story that can help inspire those coming behind us. How does that make you feel? Why is that important for us to know and be reminded of?
- Why does racism go against everything Jesus was for? Why is racial reconciliation so important to the success of Red Rock Church and the hope of Jesus reaching this city?
- You may not be able to fully empathize with those around you going through racial injustice both big and small. How can you take steps to empathize with them?
- For those friends who are hurting because of racism and have lost hope, how can you come alongside them to dream for them?
- What would it look like for you to lovingly listen to the stories of those who are hurting because of racism?
- The greatest fight is to fight for, not against. How can you do this in a small way for those who are different than you?
- What can you do to reach people around you with the love of Jesus?
- What could happen in our church and in our city if we loved like no generation before us has loved those who are different than us?

MOVING FORWARD

If you want to influence the next generation in a positive way, it can be as easy as telling your story. Start shaping your story now in order to share it later, whether it is only $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way finished or $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way finished...your story that God has uniquely given to you has the opportunity to make an impact on the Next Gen. Spend some time reflecting on the unique story that God has given you and how you can share it with someone coming up behind you.

LIVE IT OUT

Memorize: Mark 12:31

Journaling: Begin to write down your own story.

Prayer: Begin praying that the Holy Spirit would give you an empathetic heart towards those around you who are victims of racism.

Accountability: Find out stories, learn about cultures, and surround yourself with people who are different from you. Find out their story out of genuine interest, not obligation. Have a friend keep you accountable.