



Racism  
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**Quick Thoughts**

- Racism definition: "An explicit or implicit belief or practice that qualitatively distinguishes or values one race over other races."
- Every single ethnic group is hand designed by God. A racist takes one of these groups and (in belief or practice), says one has more value than another.
- The when, the where, and the cultural practices and uniqueness of a given culture give opportunities for the Gospel – and in that sense, they are to be honored and celebrated.

**Scripture**

Acts 17:26-27

Revelation 5:9-10, 7:9-10, 21:3

Ephesians 2:11-22

Galatians 2:11-16

Colossians 3:11

**Links/Resources**

*Bloodlines* by John Piper

**Questions**

1. Have you ever heard someone use the Bible to justify racism? Have you ever done the same?
2. If you struggle with racial superiority (however severe), how does a verse like Acts 17:26 ("...that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him") change your mind and heart?
3. How do passages like Revelation 5:9-10 and 7:9-10 help us see the beauty of ethnic diversity? How does this glorify God?
4. Read Ephesians 2:11-22. How does Christ's shed blood demolish any possibility of ethnic superiority? (Since, as Paul says, in Christ we are "fellow members of the household of God")