



Breaking Down Walls - MT 340

On the night before Jesus died he prayed these words for his disciples and, by extension, for us today, ²⁰ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. (John 17:20-23 ESV)

This course will explore theme of racial reconciliation in the church from a biblical perspective.

TOPICS COVERED:

- 1. Unity in Christ Understanding the importance of unity and the basis for it that comes through Christ.
- 2. Called to Reconciliation –Understand God's call to a ministry of reconciliation.
- 3. Commitment to Relationship Understanding the nature and importance of committed, God-honoring relationships in the body of Christ.
- 4. Intentionality Understanding the principle of intentionality in following the Lord's directions in a ministry of reconciliation.
- 5. Sincerity Understanding the principle of sincerity in open and honest relationships with brothers and sister in Christ in a ministry of reconciliation.
- 6. Sensitivity Understanding ways of developing sensitivity in our intentionality with brothers and sisters in Christ for the purpose of reconciliation.
- Sacrifice Understanding the principle of sacrifice in laying down status, position, or rights
 as directed by God for the sake of reconciliation.
- Empowerment Understanding the nature and importance of repentance and forgiveness
 as steps of obedience towards reconciliation.
- 9. Interdependence Understanding interdependence with the rest of the Body of Christ expressed in a willingness to serve others as well as receive from them in the body.

The course will follow the material presented by Raleigh Washington and Glen Kehrein in their workbook, *Break Down the Walls, Experiencing Biblical Reconciliation and Unity in the Body of Christ.* No book is needed for this course but the book, *Breaking Down Walls* by the same authors is highly recommended for outside reading. Unfortunately, this book is out of print but used copies can be bought on Amazon. If you need help, please contact Pastor Tim.

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