



Our Pro-Baptismal / Anti-Racist Journey Be The Bridge Fall Study

Session Four: Restoration & Reproduction

Glimpses of the Kingdom

"Reconciliation work is difficult. That is why so many people of color remain silent and why our white friends hold back instead of coming alongside us. It's messy. It requires vulnerability, humility, and courage.

The difficulties of this work can't be brushed aside. But as I've continued in this work with people of color and white friends alike, I've seen the results. I've watched healing and wholeness come. I've watched "justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (Amos 5:24, NIV). I'm convinced that the Spirit is active in the middle of this work.

In the kingdom of God, all are children. In the kingdom of God, all are invited to the table. In the kingdom of God, all are invited to receive healing. And it's these glimpses of the kingdom around the table—the moments of kingdom healing, kingdom wholeness, kingdom multiplication—that make all the pain and sacrifice worth it.

So press in. The healing has just begun." - Latasha Morrison

In addition to reading chapters 9-10 of *Be The Bridge*, over the next few days we encourage you to check out these additional resources and questions for our next discussion.

Watch: [Holding on to Hope: A National Service for Healing and Wholeness](#) (sermon by Bishop Michael Curry at 1:03:00)

Read: "[Racial Reconciliation May Not Be What You Think It Is](#)"

Listen: *On Being Podcast* - [The Long View II: On Who We Can Become](#) and [The Long View I: On Being White](#)

Meditate on: [2 Corinthians 5:14-21](#)

Spend Time: In prayer, asking God what He is calling you to next in the area of racial reconciliation.

Think about:

- What obstacles do you see to racial reconciliation in our church, community, and nation?
- Think back through all the stages we've discussed. In which stage do you think people tend to get stuck, so that true restoration is hindered?
- How does our being reconciled to Christ relate to our being reconciled to each other? And what does it mean to be Christ's ambassadors in our pro-baptismal/ anti-racist work?
- Are you committed to pressing in and pressing on, to making this more than just a moment? If so, what does reproduction/next steps look like for you?
- How can you share what you've learned with others? And who can you invite into this journey?
- Who will you follow on social media or listen to on podcasts? What books will you read to continue learning and help you on your personal journey? ([find some ideas on our resource page](#)).