

BE THE BRIDGE

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KEY SCRIPTURE //

- + [Psalm 51](#)
- + [2 Corinthians 5:11-21](#)
- + [Matthew 22:34-40](#)
- + [Luke 10:25-37](#)
- + [Ephesians 2:14](#)
- + [Revelation 7:9-12](#)

MESSAGE OUTLINE //

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HOW DO WE BECOME BRIDGE BUILDERS:

1. Have the right posture - Humility.
2. Talk less - listen more to people of color. (75% of white people have entirely white social networks, without the presence of any people of color.) How can we know the problem if we don't know the people.
3. Study the difficult truths of American history without explaining them away.
4. Healing begins with listening, confession, repentance & forgiveness.

Two resources that Pastor Jason recommends: *Be The Bridge* & *The Third Option*

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LET'S START

- + What's something you heard from this weekend's round-table conversation between the Pastors that helped you see something for the first time? Why do you think it stood out to you or convicted you?
- + What is something that was hard for you to hear? What made (or makes) it challenging for you?

LET'S TALK

- + When was a time you didn't treat someone with love?
- + How can you better show love to the people around you?
- + What does it look like to approach conversations of racial reconciliation with humility and love?

LET'S ACT

- + As a Christian people we often fail to lament. Read [Psalm 51](#). Take some time to lament your own sin and maybe even sin that you've caused. Think about your interactions even this past week (self-righteousness, inaction, overt sin against others).
- + What are you currently lamenting related to our racial history?
- + What's a step you want to take based on this week's conversation?

LET'S PRAY

Lord,

Come into our brokenness and our lives with your love that heals all.

Amen

A Prayer for Humility from Latasha Morrison, Author of *Be the Bridge*