

Ethnicity, Race, and 'Black Lives Matter'

The death of George Floyd on 25th May has brought issues of racism and the experiences of the BAME community in the UK into the forefront of our communal mind. Though as individuals we may not agree with every view expressed below, as a staff team we would love us all to be thinking and reflecting Christianly on these issues. Here are a few resources of varying types that we hope will aid our listening and reflection. If you would like to chat about these issues, please be in contact in the usual way.

1. **God's kingdom is multi-ethnic: How we can work towards racial justice in the church? (14:43 video)**

Israel Olofinjana pastor at Woolwich Central Baptist Church shares seven practical points from Revelation 5.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q72wp2xLhqE>

2. **The Gospel and Ethnic Unity (54:03 Podcast, with Transcript)**

'Shai Linne addresses the need for gospel conversations around the issue of ethnic unity. Division has long plagued the church, which stands in stark contrast to Jesus's prayer for unity in John 17. Much remains to be done, despite some helpful recent conversations. Linne offers three biblical directives for engaging in these needed discussions. This message was originally given at The Gospel Coalition's 2019 National Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.'

Link: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/podcasts/tgc-podcast/ethnic-unity/>

3. **George Floyd and Me** (2358 word blog post by Shai Linne, based in Philadelphia, USA)

Link: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/george-floyd-and-me/>

4. **A one-page summary of Ben Lindsay's book, *We Need to Talk About Race*.**

Peter Rowan writes "This is an excellent book and is regularly highlighted on social media as a book that white Christian leaders and churches in the UK should read. The [summary] was written by Grace Robinson, our OMF intercultural worker seconded to Holy Trinity Plat, Manchester. Grace has been reading books by Majority World and BAME authors and sharing reviews and summaries for the Plat staff team to discuss."

Link: https://www.stnicholas-sevenoaks.org/download_id/4140

Finally, here are two discussions hosted by Glen Scrivener at SpeakLife:

5. **George Floyd, Race, and the Church || The LIVEcast (51:46 video)**

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqRcZ-YFzQU>

6. **Diverse Church? || Glen Scrivener interviews Tope Koleoso and Aneal Appadoo (53:41 video)**

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpFAsp3FJSo>