

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1133: How Should Christians Respond to Racism (Part II)?

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SHOW NOTES

1. How are knowledge, understanding and wisdom related? (See Proverbs 2:6)
2. Do any of the *seven things that God hates* apply to you? Do you think a certain race of people, a country, or people with a certain ideology embody these seven things more than those with which you associate? (See Proverbs 6:16-19) What should guide us in our dealings with those outside our circle of acquaintance? (See Proverbs 2:6 [NIV], Colossians 4:5-6 [NASB], Proverbs 6:20-23 [NIV])
3. How do our natural human inclinations influence our perceptions of “truth”? How can we combat our own incomplete understanding (and therefore incomplete reasoning)? (See Isaiah 58:6-12, Micah 6:8, Luke 6:27-35, Mark 9:50)
4. What were some of the things Mr. Cobbs did to improve and encourage those within his sphere of influence? What are some simple (and not so simple) things you could do to improve and encourage others within your circle of influence?
5. Why were the Old Testament Jews told to stay separate from their idolatrous neighbors? How are Christians supposed to view their neighbors? (See Genesis 22:16-18, Zechariah 8:23, Galatians 3:27, Ephesians 2:13-22)
6. How do we go about the task of listening to dissenting voices? How do we *purify our perceptions*? What do we need to do to listen wisely and challenge our own perceptions? (See Luke 6:31-36, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Proverbs 4:5-6)
7. How does the debate on Gentile circumcision between Peter and Barnabas and the Jewish Christian elders in Jerusalem illustrate wise spiritual listening? (See Acts 5:1-21) In what spirit did the Gentile Christians receive the Jerusalem council’s decision? (See Acts 5:22-32)
8. How do we engage in godly righteousness? How do we let others see the light of Christ in us? (See Matthew 5:14-16, Proverbs 3:5-6, Proverbs 3:27-31, Proverbs 12:25-26)
9. When will ignorance, prejudice, bigotry and racism be solved? What is YOUR part in combating it at this time within your circle of influence? Look at yourself honestly, what prejudices do you have about others? What will you do to change those perceptions? (See 1 Timothy 2:3-6, Daniel 2:44)