

# Intercession

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Intercession is when we are moved to respond to situations, incidents, problems, where we see God's will is not being done, where there is suffering, discord, sickness, heartbreak, in prayer, and we ask for God's will to break through in those situations. It is one of the greatest privileges we have as Christians to be invited by God to play a part in the shaping of history through prayer. It is also a powerful tool in uniting God's church as we come together with one common purpose.

## Bible References

Philippians 4:1-3, John 17:20-23, Exodus 17:11-13

## Prayer Points:

Instead of discussion questions today, we would love you to spend time as a connect group interceding, particularly for the issue of racism. Here are some prayer points to help with this based on Jago's points:

Pray for **racial justice**:

- For an end to discrimination
- For there for to be equality

Pray for **racial harmony**:

- For an end to hostility
- For there to be reconciliation

## Questions going forward for your connect group:

1. How as a connect group could you commit to interceding regularly for issues outside of the immediate one in your group?
2. Is God calling you as a connect group to pray for specific things on his heart? Perhaps some time in prayer asking God this question.



If you would like to think more about the area of racial justice / equality and racial harmony / reconciliation, here are three helpful talks:

[Acts 2:1-13 - Michael John](#)

[Ephesians 2:11-21 - Jamie Mulvaney](#)

[Galatians 3:26-29 - Nicky Gumbel](#)

If you would like to read more about the issue of racism, here is a Christian book that might be helpful:

[We Need To Talk About Race: Understanding the Black Experience in White Majority Churches](#) by Ben Lindsay

