

DO BLACK LIVES MATTER?

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I. Are “blackness” and “whiteness” realities?

- A. The black-white binary is a biological fiction.
- B. The black-white binary is a sociological fiction.
- C. The black-white binary is a biblical/theological fiction.

II. Should Christians embrace the culture’s racial categories?

- A. Christians must reject the black-white binary for the sake of truth.
- B. Christians must reject the black-white binary for the sake of justice.
- C. Christians must reject the black-white binary for the sake of unity.

III. Upon what basis can we say that human life matters?

- A. Critical Theory provides no basis for human worth.
- B. Christianity provides the only basis for human worth.

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. In review, how does Critical Race Theory understand justice? What does justice among people look like according to the Bible?
2. What is it that determines the shade of our skin? Does skin color entail a biological diversity of such significance that we should divide humanity by it?
3. CRT begins with a humanity that is fundamentally divided according to skin color, but where does the Bible begin in its view of humans?
4. Is anything else in all the world created after God’s image? What does it mean to image God?
5. If we deny God, is there any reasonable grounds for asserting human dignity as a universal fact?
6. How does God demonstrate the value of humanity in the gospel? How might the statement *Black Lives Matter* be a springboard to share the gospel with an unbeliever supporting this movement?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I make judgments upon people based upon external criteria like the color of their skin?

2. Meditate upon John 1:14. In what ways does the incarnation highlight the reality that human life matters?
3. What question(s) could I ask an unbelieving friend or neighbor who supports BLM that might lead to a gospel conversation?