



# RACE TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

- 1. Were you aware that Rev. Stephanie Arnold and The First United Methodist Church paid the cost to have the Confederate Monument Removed? Why is this a great example of what's possible in terms of reconciliation?**
- 2. How does an understanding of the Apostle Paul's context as an oppressed Jew shine new light on his writings about reconciliation in 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2, Galatians 3:28, & Ephesians 2:15-16**
- 3. Bishop shared quotes from Allan Bosak, Aime Cesaire and Frantz Fanon about how oppression affects oppressed people. Do you think your life has been impacted by oppression? If so how? Please share.**
- 4. How does the understanding that real reconciliation restores the identities of oppressed people speak to you? Why is this so important for oppressed people?**
- 5. The Apostle Paul explains in 2 Corinthians 6:2 that reconciliation involves social justice, how does this along with the illustration Bishop shared about "turning the water off" shape or maybe change your understanding of what people and organizations who are committed to reconciliation should be doing?**
- 6. Ephesians 2:15-16 reveals how revolutionary reconciliation is. In explaining this Bishop said "the oppressor has to completely leave the confines of power and privilege and join with those who are oppressed".**

**On this same topic Albert Memmi said "In order for persons in power to embrace reconciliation, they must accept that their roles have been as nonlegitimate privileged persons. Then the oppressor must reject this nonlegitimate identity of superiority and the privileges that go with that position".**

**Discuss these quotes. What does this tell you has to take place in order for real reconciliation to take place? Please share.**

- 7. What's your biggest takeaway from this week? Please share.**