

“Jesus Christ and ‘the Dividing Wall’: Race & God’s Mission”
Suggested Discussion Questions for Group Leaders

For Group Leaders: You know your community and where your group members are in the conversation on systemic racism. The suggested questions, grouped by week, below, are more than your group can discuss in an hour, but we provide them to you as some points of reflection you can use to lead your people into deeper understanding and action. Choose the questions that are most helpful for your group. We suggest you begin and end in prayer.

October 7: Rev. Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove

1. According to Rev. Wilson-Hartgrove, what are some of the characteristics of “slaveholder religion” and the form of evangelism and mission that emerged from it?
2. By contrast, what are some examples of the “anti-racist mission of God” which he described?
3. Considering our own context, can you identify an example of our own mission and evangelism work that embodies this anti-racist spirit? Or, more challenging, can you identify an example of our own mission and evangelism work that has characteristics of slaveholder religion?
4. What is one step we as a community can take to move our mission and evangelism work toward the anti-racist mission Rev. Wilson-Hartgrove described?
5. What image or story from Rev. Wilson-Hartgrove’s presentation will stay with you after tonight? Why?
6. What made you uncomfortable during this presentation? What growing edges-for you personally, or our faith community-might this be pointing to?