

These notes are designed to be used by small groups on Zoom, by members of a family or by a couple of friends on the telephone. They are based on our Sunday sermons and are designed to help us all think through the issues raised about “God in my Everything”. You will get the most out of them if you have heard the sermon first.

## Sermon Date

14 November 2021 Remembrance Sunday

## Bible Passages

Romans 13:8-14 and various others – see below.

## Theme & Introduction

This issue of Racism lies behind many wars and conflicts. What does the Bible say about Race and Nationality and do we have our attitudes right yet?

## Questions

### Remembrance Sunday

1. Why do we observe Remembrance Sunday? How would you explain its importance to an 8 year old?

### The Bible, Race and Nationality

2. Share the following verses out between the group and read them aloud with a short pause to think between each one.

*Gen 1:27; Rom 5:12; Rom 3:22-24; Lev 19:34; Gal 3:28; Eph 2:14; Rev 7:9-10.*

- Imagine that you were faced with someone who believed that the Bible allowed them to discriminate on the basis of skin colour or nationality.

What arguments would you make to show them otherwise?

3. Read Romans 13:8-10. What do the principles here tell us about differences of Race, Nationality and Skin Colour?

### The Church, Race & Nationality

*“The only way we are going to solve this is if we get down and face it”* Paul Faulkner on Race & the church.

4. Read Ephesians 2:14. In the sermon Alan said that this was written in the context of a Jew/Gentle divide, but that the principles apply much wider. He claimed that it shows the church was designed to be at the forefront of conversations about Race.
  - Do you agree with that statement?
  - How good have we been at discussing the issues properly and in a healing way?
  - How can we do better? If you have any practical suggestions, please send them to Alan.
5. The sermon claimed that much racism nowadays is actually unconscious bias. What can we do as a church to help us avoid that?