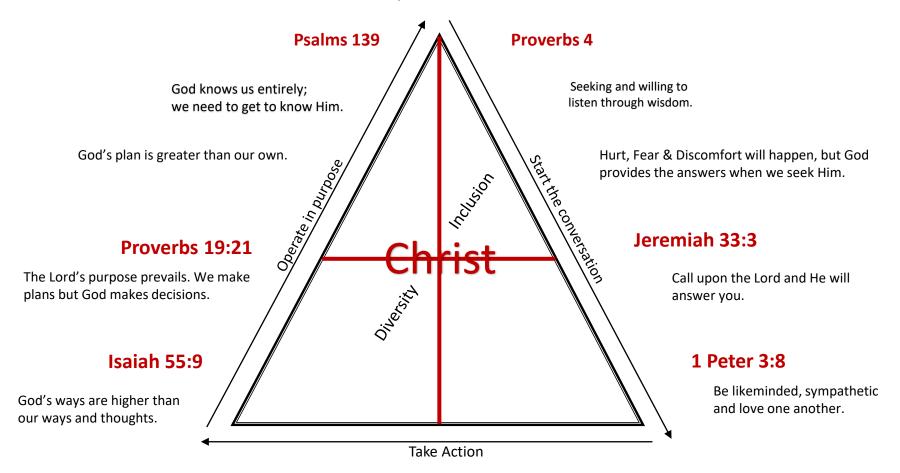


Diversity & Inclusion Discussion Model

### The **GREAT** Conversation

#### **Unity in the Body**

Ephesians 4:1-8



#### Ephesians 2:14-22

One body reconciling in Christ! Unification in the body of Christ

## Christ lifts & shifts for HIS Glory!

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Hurt, Fear & Discomfort happens, but God provides the answers when we seek Him It is then that growth and stretching beyond your comfort begins.

## What is dividing you from loving like Christ? Why?

- 1. Politics
- 2. Race
- 3. Gender
- 4. Age
- 5. Appearance
- 6. Economic Status
- 7. Intelligence
- 8. Theological perspective





## Question to Ponder?

Be likeminded, sympathetic and love one another.

Do you know what your unconscious bias is?

- 1. Do you know what this is?
- 2. Do you know how it may be affecting your relationships?
- 3. Do you consider this judging?
- 4. How do you address it?
- 5. How did it get there?
- 6. What do you intend to do about it?



# What should I do now?

Dealing with matters of racial injustice can cause heart issues on both sides. Consider these thoughts and questions:

- Are you willing to starve the darkness in you by yielding what's dark to the light of Christ?
- There are generations attached to you, do you want them to follow you or Christ?
- Operate in healing by trading in your will.
- Learn how to have healthy and uncomfortable dialog with someone that doesn't look or act like you.
- Separate race/gender/sexual orientation and build healthy, authentic Christ centered relationships. We are not the judge and are charged to LOVE only!
- It starts with all of us, one person at a time.
- Consider having an African American mentor to help you through your journey; Ecclesiastes 4:9 "two are better than one because they can help each other succeed"!
- What's more important "Reconciliation or Reparations"?
- Always remember ONE LOVE!

## Scripture References

- Ephesians 4:1-8 Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ
- Proverbs 4 Seek Wisdom
- Jeremiah 33:3 Call upon the Lord
- 1 Peter 3:8 Be like minded
- Ephesians 2:14-22 We are reconciled in One Body (Christ)!
- Isaiah 55:9 God's ways are higher than ours!
- Proverbs 19:21 The Lord's purpose prevails!
- Psalm 139 God knows us infinitely!