



BRAVE November 11th / 12th

Speaker: **Dr. John Perkins**

Scripture Focus: [Luke 10:27-37](#)

Note to Leaders:

This weekend we talked about bravely entering spaces of racial reconciliation. These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion. Don't feel you must use all or any of these questions and you don't have to make it to the end! This week, the sermon specific questions will highlight quotes from Dr. John Perkins. Reflect, discuss, and process through his words together with your group.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What did God reveal to you?
2. What are you going to do about it?
3. What is one element of God's character you learned?

Specific Questions:

1. *"Coming together is the beginning. Working together is progress. And staying together is the solution to our problem. We have to be intentional about doing it together."* Where can you be more intentional about moving towards the solution?
2. *"The gospel of Jesus Christ doesn't need to be defended, it needs to be reflected."* How are you reflecting the gospel?
3. *"I decided to preach a gospel stronger than my racial identity and racial segregation around me."* What does it mean to preach a gospel that can save your enemies and yourself?
4. *"There is no reconciliation until you recognize the dignity of the other, until you see their view."* Of the three R's Dr. Perkins talks about (i.e. Relocation, Reconciliation, and Redistribution), which R is you currently living out? Which R is the hardest for you to live out?

Digging Deeper

This section provides additional resources, activities, and/or questions that can be done during group or personal devotional time.

Speaker Highlight

Dr. John M. Perkins was born into Mississippi poverty, the son of a sharecropper. He fled to California when he was 17 after his older brother was murdered by a town marshal.

Although Dr. Perkins vowed never to return, in 1960 after he accepted Christ, he returned to his boyhood home to share the gospel of Christ with those still living in the region. His outspoken support and leadership role in civil rights demonstrations resulted in repeated harassment, imprisonment, and beatings.

Today, Dr. Perkins is president of the John and Vera Mae Perkins Foundation of Jackson, Mississippi. He is one of the leading evangelical voices to come out of the American civil rights movement. He is also an internationally known author, speaker, and teacher on issues of racial reconciliation and Christian community development.



Recommended Reading

Dream with Me: Race, Love, and the Struggle We Must Win (2017)

Dr. John Perkins

Available at Amazon: [Click Here](#)

A1:8 Mission Highlights: Racial Reconciliation

Appalachia 2018

Partnering with World Vision, our team will be heading to Flemington, WV, in the region of Appalachia with the goals of serving the local church and helping build bridges across economic, racial, and generational divides.

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