

The following is a list of questions from a national, digital tool developed primarily to assess where the collective Church is in terms of race and justice.

Built on a Kingdom-oriented data analytics platform called Gloo, developed with social scientists at Barna Research, Dr. Brianna Parker (Black Millennial Collective), and others, and distributed nationally by church networks like Unite, this unique tool gives us the opportunity to gain insights into the minds of our own people but also comparative insights that will help us make progress as a collective Church.

Initially deployed at the beginning of the COVID crisis to check on Church and community members, this tool can be customized to include COVID-related questions. Likewise, the COVID-focused Check-Ins can also be customized to include racial justice questions.

Thank you for your interest. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss how your church could use this tool or even how we can develop a community-friendly version for your school, nonprofit, or corporate partners.

Serving alongside,
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Faith and Race Check-In

The Faith & Race Check-In measures your perspective and questions on current issues related to race and justice. Please take a moment to respond.

1. Which best describes how you feel about racial justice in our society today? I believe...

We are close to positive change
We are beginning to move toward positive change
Nothing is changing
Things are getting worse
Things are worse than ever before

2. I want my church to provide guidance on how I can respond to racial justice issues

Agree Strongly
Agree Somewhat
Neutral
Disagree somewhat
Disagree Strongly

3. Thinking about the current national conversation around racial justice, what do you need most from your church leadership?

Education on justice related race issues
Education on civic engagement
Biblical understanding of justice
Guidance for mobilizing
I need my church leaders to care about this as much as I do
Emotional/mental health support
This is not an important issue to me
That is not the church's role

The following are ways your church could respond. Please indicate what you would like to see your church do.

4. Join in and support current protests and demonstrations

Yes
No
Not sure

5. Deliver a sermon or series addressing racial justice issues

Yes
No
Not sure

6. Organize a prayer effort for our community and nation

Yes
No
Not sure

7. Invite community leaders to present diverse perspectives and foster dialogue

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

8. Partner with other churches to create an ongoing community strategy

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

9. Work toward policy changes that will impact the current concerns

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

10. What do you believe would be the most helpful way primarily white churches could respond to issues of race and justice?

- Recognize the nation's history of racism and injustice
- Advocate for law enforcement reform
- Participate in civic activism and protests
- Reach out to people of color in the community and offer support
- Deliver a Biblical perspective on justice
- All of the above
- Other
- No official response

11. Have Covid-related health concerns impacted your participation in protests, marches or demonstrations?

- A lot
- Some
- A little
- Not really / not at all

12. Which word below best describes your primary emotion about current race issues in our country?

- Depressed
- Fearful
- Anxious
- Angry
- Hopeful
- Determined
- Motivated
- Exhausted
- Skeptical
- Confused
- Frustrated
- Depleted
- None of these

13. How are current racial issues impacting your faith, if at all? My faith is...

- Stronger than ever
- Somewhat stronger
- The same / unchanged
- Wavering slightly
- Wavering a lot
- I am not hopeful about the future of my faith

14. Would you say you feel aligned with this church's pastor on issues of race and justice?

- Definitely aligned
- Somewhat aligned
- Not very aligned
- Not at all aligned (we have different opinions)
- They haven't made a clear enough statement for me to know

This next set of questions looks at how you are doing personally.

15. Personally, how much anxiety are you experiencing relating to current racial justice issues?

10 - Extreme Anxiety to 0 - No anxiety at all

16. In the midst of this moment, I feel very connected to my friends and family.

10 - Extreme Anxiety to 0 - No anxiety at all

17. I sense a deepened calling to serve and help others in times like this.

10 - Extreme Anxiety to 0 - No anxiety at all

18. When the world around me feels turbulent, I find my hope in God.

10 - Extreme Anxiety to 0 - No anxiety at all

19. Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity?

- Asian or Asian American
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino(a)
- Native American or Pacific Islander
- White and not Hispanic
- Other ethnic group
- Two or more ethnic groups
- Prefer not to answer

20. In what year were you born?

- 1999 – 2015
- 1984 – 1998
- 1965 – 1983
- 1946 – 1964
- 1925 - 1945