

Eastbrook Church Leadership Forum
“Together In Christ: Race, the Gospel, and God’s People”
with special guest, Bishop Walter Harvey
January 26, 2015, 7:00-8:30 PM

Welcome, introduction to the evening, and prayer

Pastor Matt Erickson on our citizenship

Bishop Walter Harvey on God’s view of people, race, and where we stand

Q&A between Bishop Walter Harvey & Pastor Matt

Q&A from those assembled

Prayer for our city and nation led by Bishop Walter Harvey and Pastor Matt

Next Steps: what do I do now?

Closing prayer and Benediction

Next Steps: What Do I Do Now?

#1 Get with God

- Acknowledge and repent of any sin (see Psalm 51; Daniel 9:4-19)
- Lament over our nation (see Lamentations)
- Pray as Christ prayed (see John 17)

#2 Know and Apply what the Bible Teaches

- Read Genesis 12:1-3 in light of God's multiethnic mission
- Read Ephesians with attention to chapter 2 on the new humanity in Jesus of Jews and Gentiles brought together
- Read Galatians in light of the situation that Paul describes in chapters 1 and 2

#3 Understand the Background

- Read "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (<https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/king-papers/documents/letter-birmingham-jail>)
- Read *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson
- Watch the movies *Selma* or *12 Years a Slave*

#4 Learn from Experts and Leaders with Experience

- Visit Thabiti Anyabwile's blog at the Gospel Coalition web-site (<http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/thabitianyabwile/>)
- Read *Gracism: The Art of Inclusion* by David T. Anderson
- Read *Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America* by Michael O. Emerson and Christian Smith

#5 Have Honest Dialogue and Build Friendships

- Ask someone who is of a different ethnicity about their family and life story
- Share a cross-cultural meal over a holiday where everyone brings a dish from their respective backgrounds and talks about a family or cultural tradition

#6 Continue to ask, 'how can I be part of the solution?', and Do Something

- Get involved here at Eastbrook
- Discover ways to get involved in our city
- Response card: if you have question, comments, and ideas about what next steps Eastbrook should take - please fill out a connection card