# FROM JUDGMENT TO COMPASSION

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# We do need to talk, and we do need to listen, and we do need to heal



We do need to talk about Mike Brown and Trayvon Martin and Oscar Grant



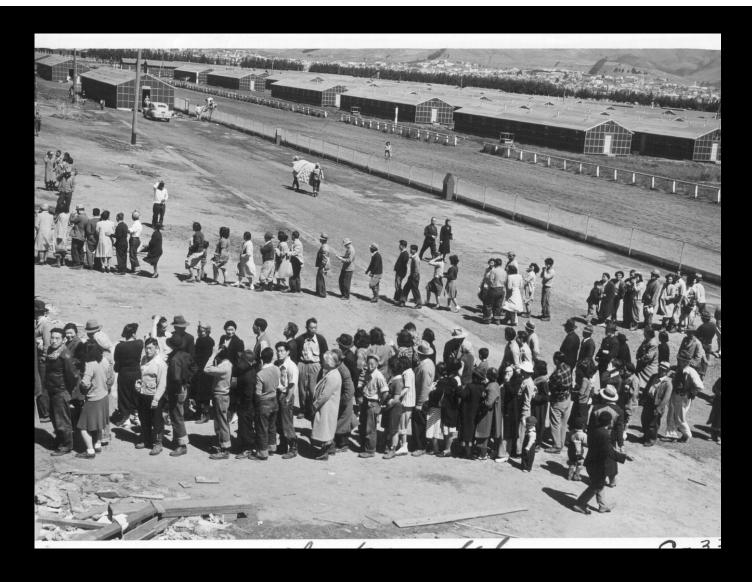
We do need to talk about how we view immigrants through the lens of Scripture



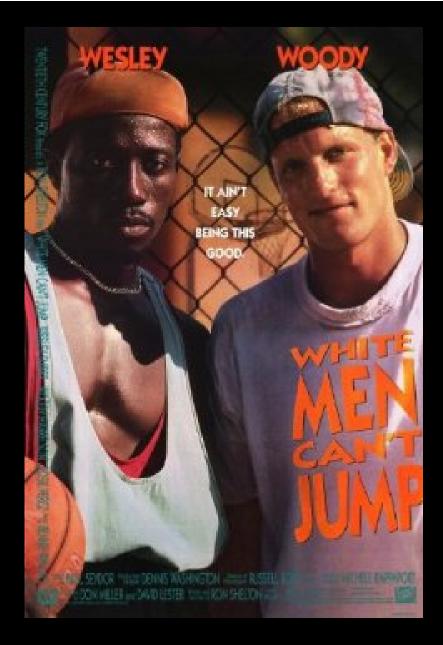
#### We do need to talk about slavery



**Civil Rights Movement** 



Internment of Japanese Americans

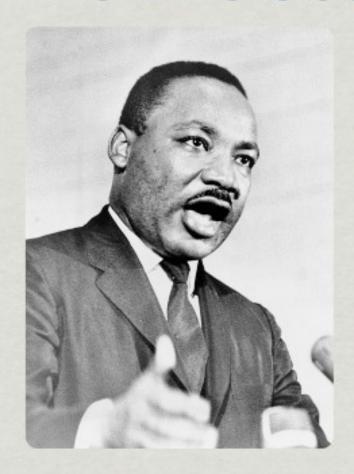


Movies that stereotype white basketball players

## Our World's Great Atrocities



## The 11 o'clock Hour



"IT IS APPALLING THAT THE MOST SEGREGATED HOUR OF CHRISTIAN AMERICA IS ELEVEN O'CLOCK ON SUNDAY MORNING."

MLK

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The Church is the greatest hope we have for racial reconciliation in our country

Q: Why the Church?

A: The Power of the Gospel

#### Romans 10:11-13

<sup>11</sup> The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

## Purpose of this series:

"Leaning towards UNITY in the Church and JUSTICE for everyone"

# Remember Paul's letter to the ROMANS

# We have a long way to go...



**Ferguson Protests** 

#### Romans 2:1

"Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges, for in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things."

#### **Romans 14:10**

"Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother?"

## 3 Things Our Brains Do

\*See Christena Cleveland's book Disunity in Christ in the back

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1. Categorize People

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2. "We are unique. They are the same."

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# 3. Metaperceptions: What we think they think of us

### Jesus Prayer from John 17

I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

God has made us with the ability to change, to grow, to mature, to love, to become more compassionate.



## Romans 12:1-18