



Fall 2020

Adult Formation at Idlewild

Looking Inward Moving Forward: An Anti-Racism Journey

Sundays at 9:40 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

This study begins with the question, “How is my racial identity shaped and reshaped by the history I have learned and the circumstances I have encountered in my life?” From there it moves into conversation with our racial identity, and finally, how we are called to act as Christians shaped by repentance and the freedom to love our neighbors as ourselves. What does that look like at Idlewild? It is the recent killings of unarmed Black Americans at the hands of public safety officers and vigilantes that necessitates this conversation. It is easy to cast blame elsewhere; it is much harder to look inward —both at ourselves and at the communities that shape us— recognizing the biases and structural patterns that can and often do manifest in deadly ways. This is a journey for everyone at Idlewild. It is a conversation between the head and the heart, and it engages different learning styles and starting points. Ultimately, it is not about consuming more information; it’s about being formed as disciples of Jesus Christ who eagerly and faithfully follow in his way of righteousness and peace.

August 23/26 : *“Turning the Gaze Inward”* with Mary McIntosh

In this session we will introduce the framing questions for our anti-racism journey. We will begin to explore what it means to “bring our racial selves” into all of the spaces we occupy and navigate, and how those racial selves affect spaces where we discuss race, racism, and what to do about it.)

August 30/Sept 2: *Introduction to Racial Roadmaps* with Mary McIntosh

In this session, Mary McIntosh will share her own “racial roadmap,” a visual representation of key moments in her life that informed how she thought about race and her own racial identity. Following her presentation, participants will be given the opportunity to sign up to share their own racial roadmaps in subsequent sessions.)

September 6/9: A Theological Framework for Anti-Racism

In this session, we will explore the biblical basis for our anti-racism journey, highlighting the call and efficacy of confession and repentance, and the way God relates to those who are systematically oppressed.)

September 13/16: Racial Roadmap

September 20/23: Racism in Criminal Justice Part I with Cliff Johnson

September 27/30: Racism in Criminal Justice Part II with Cliff Johnson

October 4/7: Racial roadmap

October 11/14: Racism in Housing Part I with Dr. Evelyn Perry

October 18/21: Racism in Housing Part II with Dr. Evelyn Perry

October 25/28: Racial roadmap

November 1/4: Racism in Healthcare Part I with Dr. Kendra Hotz

November 8/11: Racism in Healthcare Part II with Dr. Kendra Hotz

November 15/18: Racial roadmap

November 22/25: Racial Road Map of Idlewild

November 29/Dec 2: Racism in Education Part I with Dr. Aixa Marchand

December 6/9: Racism in Education Part II with Dr. Aixa Marchand

December 13/16: Racial Roadmap and Where We Go From Here