

Dear Trinity Members and Friends,

This week we are continuing our summer series on racism from a Biblical perspective. This week, we are looking specifically at stories from the life of Jesus that can help us get past some of the barriers we put up in conversations about race.

The featured voice this week is Ibram X. Kendi, whose book, *How to Be an Anti-Racist*, has been a recommended read for Trinity members this spring. See the bulletin for opportunities to discuss this book with other Trinity members in a small group zoom format.

I am including several links to articles by or about Ibram X. Kendi for further reading. I am also putting a link to a story I will be telling in the sermon about a brave conversation between a flight attendant and a passenger, first reported on June 1 in the Dallas Morning News. We all need to read uplifting and encouraging stories as well as difficult texts like Kendi's two books, [Stamped from the Beginning](#) and [How to Be an Anti-Racist](#). Incidentally, Kendi also has a book for young children, [Anti-Racist Baby](#).

Please join me on the zoom coffee hour at 4:00 on Sunday to discuss the sermon, or your own ideas about how to be an anti-racist. Again, I hope you will join one of the book discussion groups.

Grace and Peace,

Judith

[Interview: Ibram X. Kendi Takes a Hard Look at Racism—and Himself](#). By Rob Brunner. Washingtonian Magazine. October 23, 2019

[4 Lessons on Anti-Racism from Brené Brown and Ibram X. Kendi](#). By Amber Tucker. Published on the website Mindful.org JUNE 19, 2020

[How anti-racism is a treatment for the 'cancer' of racism](#). PBS Newshour. Jul 8, 2020 6:25 PM EDT

['Bring people together, not apart:' Chance encounter on a Southwest Airlines flight turns into emotional discussion on race](#). Dallas Morning News. June 1, 2020.