

## Slavery, Race and Racism

### **Situational View**

#### **Normative View –**

- At the root, what do we need to be thinking about as we approach the topic of Slavery and race?
  - Philemon reading
  - Ephesians 6:5-9
  - Colossians 4: 22-25
- Looking at the Law
  - Genesis 17:13, 23, 27
  - Did God ever say that slavery was a sin?
  - What made Egypt's treatment of God's people in slavery wrong?
  - What is the issue that makes slavery sinful?

#### **Existential View**

- 1. How does the Christian “slavery” story effect our ability to have compassion for African Americans who still struggle with their slavery story?2. If we live in a fallen world, do you believe the concept of “institutional racism” is a valid one?3. Do you believe the church has been leaders, followers, or indifferent in matters of race relations and social justice?4. How should the “image of God” concept inform Christian understandings of equality? Do you think all churches should seek to be multicultural and multiracial?

#### **Principle to Ponder**

Galatians 6