

# GRACE GROUP QUESTIONS

November 15, 2017

## Questions for Lesson 10 - Wednesday, November 8

“Lost Legacies: African American Presbyterianism”

Not Included in, *On Being Presbyterian* by Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

1. As you think about racial diversity within the church, what are your starting points? Dr. Lucas mentioned three for him - personal, pastoral, and historical; which of those three resonated most with you?
2. When Dr. Lucas noted that “When we don’t tell people’s stories, they become invisible to us,” how did you respond? Can you think of other examples of people who are invisible to us because we do not know their history or stories?
3. Have you ever considered why “the historic black church” does not have a black Presbyterian denomination as part of it? What do you think that means for the future of Presbyterianism as an interracial denomination?
4. What were themes that emerged for you as you heard Dr. Lucas describe the various ministries of these Presbyterian leaders? How did these ministers understand the mission of the church? How might that shape our understanding of the church’s mission?
5. At several points in the story, Dr. Lucas mentioned various allies who tried to assist black Presbyterians, but who often disappointed them. Can you think of a situation where you tried to be an ally to someone from a different race only to disappoint in the end? What was the other person looking for? Why did you pull back?
6. In what ways did you find yourself considering lessons for today from this account of black Presbyterian history? How might we learn from these “fathers and brothers” for today?



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