



## Discussion Guide for “God is Not Ignoring History”

### *God is Not... Week 3*

What do you think when you hear the word ‘reparations’? A political movement? A threat to the status quo? As God outlines in the book of Numbers, reparations are an integral part of the process of forgiveness and reconciliation. What do reparations look like in our individual lives? And how can we be a voice for just reparations in our culture?

#### **Scriptures for Further Reading**

Numbers 5:5-10; Psalm 32:1-7; Matthew 5:21-26; James 5:13-18

[Click here](#) to read all scriptures

#### **Passage for Sacred Reading:**

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. Get a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week’s sacred reading is [Psalm 32:1-7](#). (What would it look like to read this psalm while recentering Bathsheba, David’s victim?)

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. What do you think of when you hear the word ‘reparations’? How does that compare to how Sonya defined it?
2. In Numbers 5, God makes reparations an integral piece of the forgiveness and reconciliation process. How does reparation relate to forgiveness?
3. Read Matthew 5:21-26. Where do you see Jesus commending reparations? What does this tell you about God’s vision for the church?
4. What do reparations look like in your family? In our church family?
5. Consider the national conversation surrounding reparations. How does understanding reparations as a function of healing relationships impact your view of this conversation?