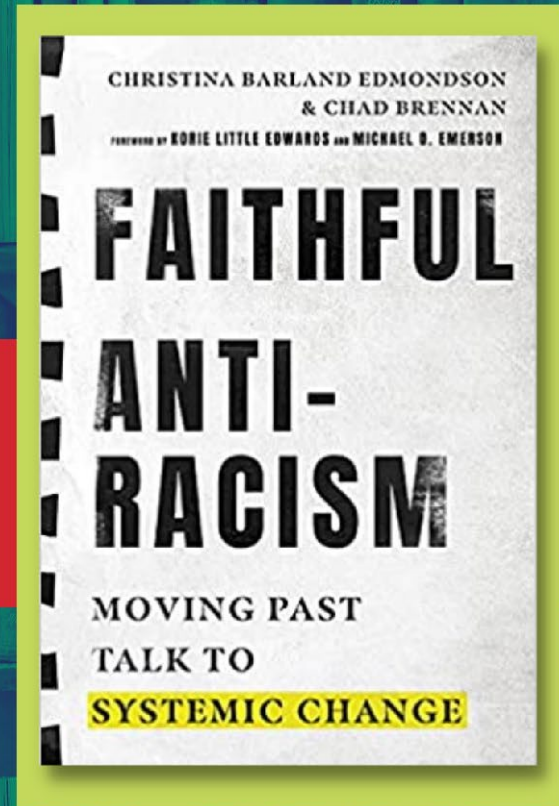


ALL TOGETHER

2022 Reconciliation
Book Study #2



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Moving Past Talk to Systemic Change

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June 13

7 p.m.
On Zoom





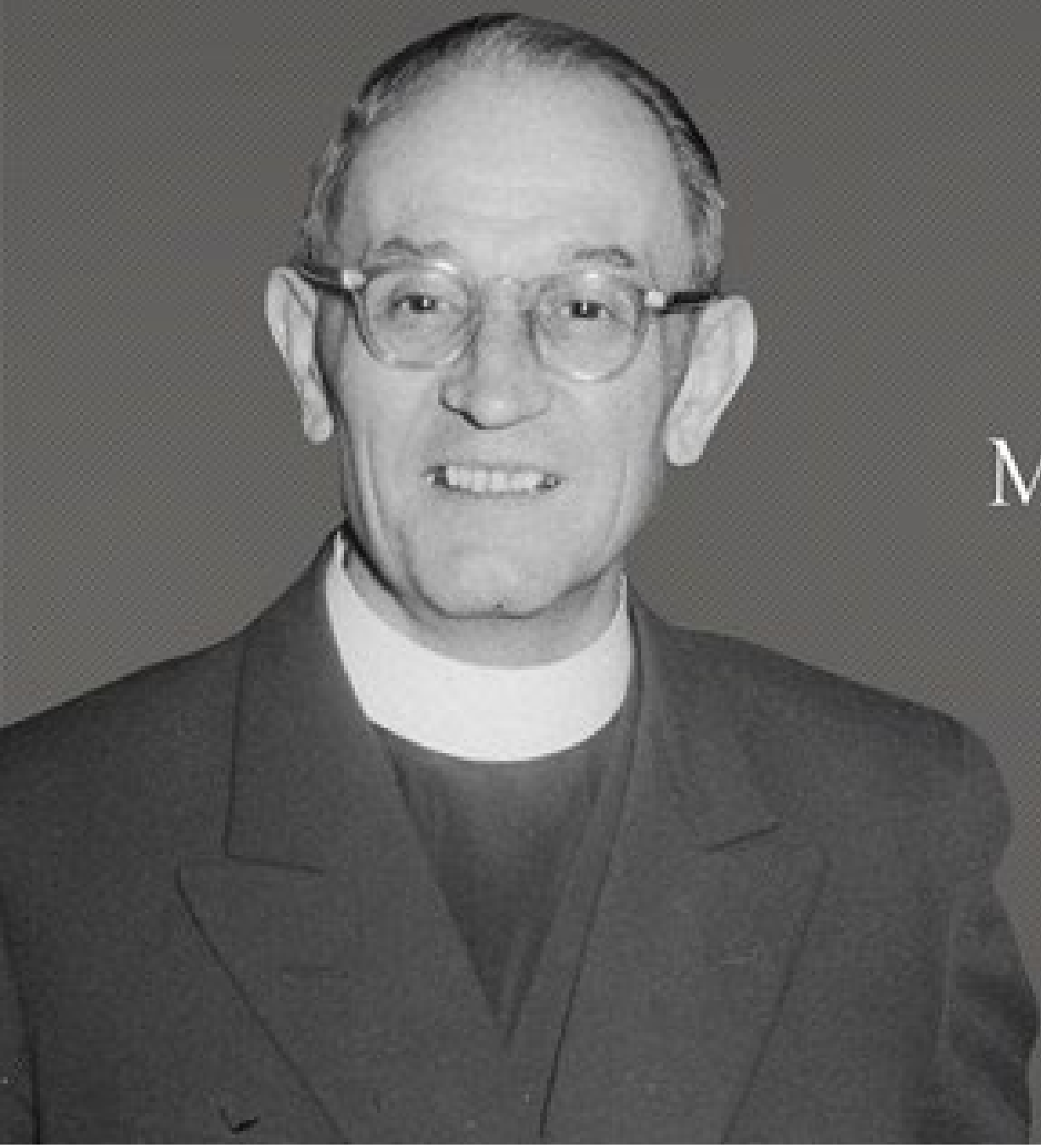
Rules for our time together

- **Be Kind**
- **Be Prayerful**
- **Be Open**
- **Offer the truth always in love.**



Faithful AntiRacists Seek Out Help and Help Others

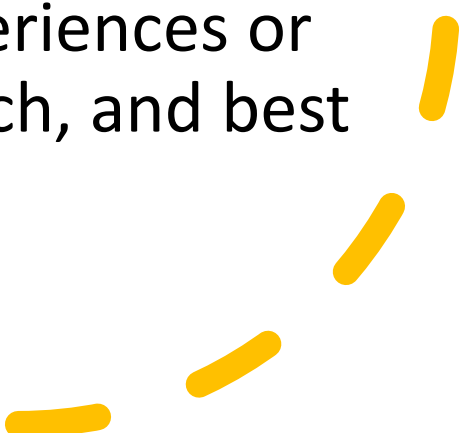
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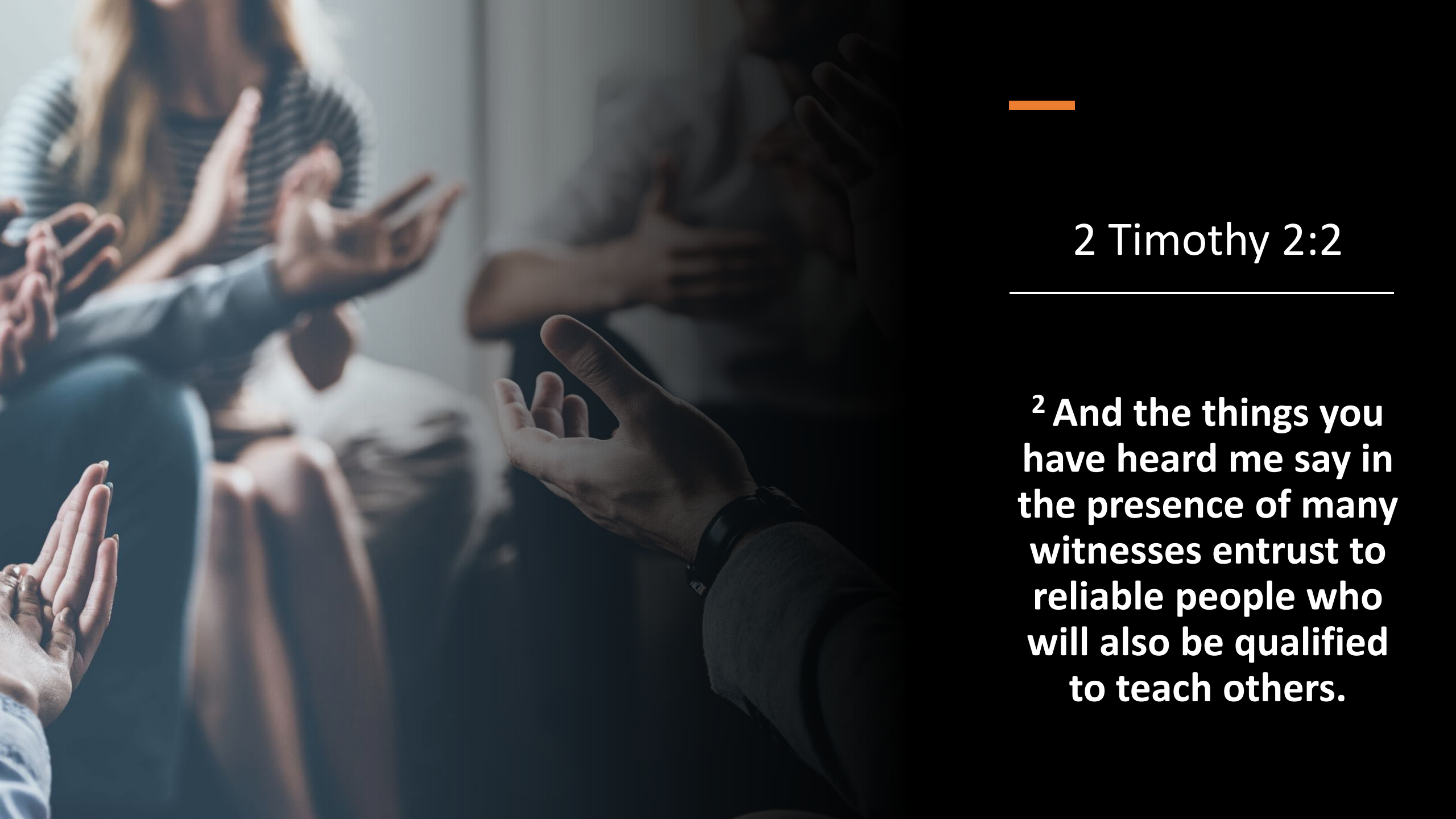
1892-1984

Looking for
Mentors and
Resources
ask,

- Do their teachings align with the teachings in the Bible, including the central themes of justice, inclusion, and special care and protection for the vulnerable and oppressed?
 - Do they have a structural understanding of racial justice?
 - Is their understanding of racial dynamics based on their opinions and experiences or on accurate data sources, research, and best practices?
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There is no such
thing as a diversity
superhero!
Everyone must help!



2 Timothy 2:2

² And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

From
2 Timothy
2:2 we
need to be,

Reliable

Able to teach/help others

Teachable

Available

Two Key Principles

Connection before content- “the deeper or more challenging the content, the deeper and more trusting the relationship between people must be (Page 75).”

Repentance, discomfort, and learning- each of these is needed for transformation.

Have you experienced the connection between repentance, discomfort, and learning in your life? If so can you give an example?



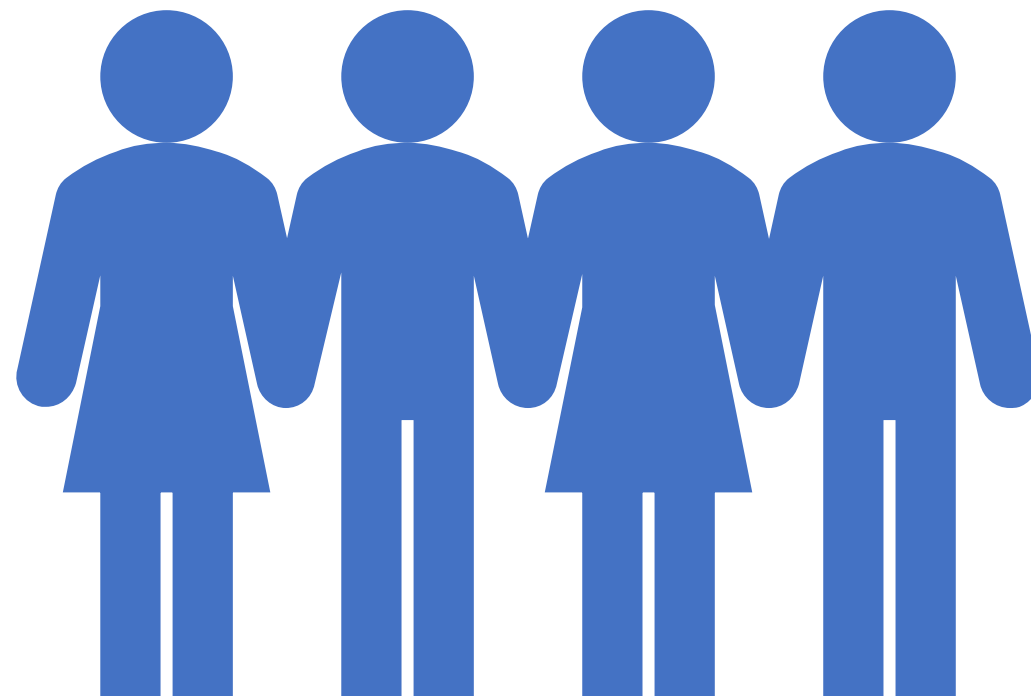
**Faithful
AntiRacists
Effectively
Measure
Progress**

Chapter 10

“When it comes to making progress toward racial justice, we cannot be content with a general sense of “We’re doing pretty good.”

Why do you believe it is important
or not important to measure your
progress toward racial justice?

Faithful
AntiRacists
Help To Change
Our Society
Chapter 11



Matthew 5:13-16

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

King explains
the need for
Black
leadership,
Page 194


There is another mood, however, which represents a large number of African Americans. It is the feeling that African Americans must be their own spokesmen, that they must be in the primary leadership of their own organizations. It is the psychological need for those who have had such a crushed and bruised history to feel and know that they are men, that they have the organizational ability to map their own strategy and shape their own programs, that they can develop programs to shape their own destinies, that they can be their own spokesmen.”

Disrupting systems of racial
injustice is first and foremost a
heart issue!



King shares
on page 195

“The ultimate solution to the race problem lies in the willingness of men to obey the unenforceable. Desegregation will break down the legal barriers and bring men together physically, but something must touch the hearts and souls of men so that they will come together spiritually because it is natural and right. True integration will be achieved by men who are willingly obedient to unenforceable obligations.”



We must,

1

Pray for grace,
humility, patience,
and love.

2

Focus on teachings
in the Bible.

3

Avoid being a part
of religious
organizations that
support injustice.

How do you plan to
apply the content from
this chapter?



Epilogue

The Goal, from John 17:20-21

²⁰ “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.