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Mourn With Those Who Mourn

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The Main Thing Pt. 2: Mourn With Those Who Mourn

As the Main Thing referenced earlier this week, there are many sources of pain that remind us of our need for God. As we enter the weekend, many in our Southern campus community are feeling a pointed pain; they are exhausted emotionally, spiritually, and physically by ongoing racial tensions, as exemplified by the case of Breonna Taylor. Some individuals on our campus have close personal ties to Louisville, Minneapolis, and other areas that have been impacted. Across the country, our Black brothers and sisters are hurting.

When we experience anguish, that is when the strength and support of our family and friends means the most. As a Christian community, the Bible does not ask us to mourn with our brothers and sisters because it is the popular thing to do but because it is the right response whenever those we love are hurting.

As our fellow Southern students and employees are hurting, their pain necessitates that it be OUR pain as a body of Christ. Southern family, God is reminding us to “mourn with those who mourn” because in doing so we experience the fullness of unity in Christ.

I invite you to join our daily prayer at the flagpole (8:15 a.m. Mon-Fri) as we pray about racism and unity. There are also upcoming opportunities for understanding and dialogue during our campus-wide Critical Conversations on October 8 and 29.