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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ
Greater Hartford Chapter
Mitchell's Coffee House
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- Opening prayer
- Introductions
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- Today's Topic: **Operating a Racism-Free Business**



Matthew 7: 16-20 says, ***Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.***

Who among us had any control over the color of our skin?

Does the color of our skin have anything to do with who we really are inside?

How do we exercise wisdom about cultural patterns without stereotyping and becoming prejudice?

In our culture, racism is often thought of as one-way: the majority directed at minorities. But in reality, is racism one-way? Is there such a thing as "reverse racism?"

Is it possible to use the "race card" as a manipulative tool to get one's way or excuse bad behavior?

Is it possible for someone to "see" racism where it doesn't exist? Or to exaggerate its impact?

How do we influence our employees, customers, suppliers, family, friends, and the public to be racism-free?

The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., a bold, Spirit-filled Baptist preacher, dared to tell America and the world that a person should be judged (evaluated, inspected, assessed) by his or her CHARACTER and not by the color of his or her skin. Is that the way we operate in life day by day?

Let's discuss this topic as it pertains to us!

- Next meeting: Wednesday, February 2 @ 7:30 am here
- Upcoming events/news
- Closing prayer