

## GOD IS NOT A WHITE MAN: AND OTHER REVELATIONS

**Chine McDonald (Hodder & Stoughton)**

Profound, encouraging, honest, deeply challenging and prophetic are some of the words I would use to describe this excellent award winning book. If you are a church leader and want your church to be radically inclusive to all races and cultures, read this. If you are a white church leader, you need to read this.

Chine MacDonald expertly mixes theology, history and personal experience of being a black citizen of the United Kingdom and the kingdom of God. Parts of this book are rightly very uncomfortable to read, especially for a white man. She draws on black history, everything from slavery to the insights of Beyonce. Her writing speaks the truth in love in a way that dispels ignorance, raises awareness, invites repentance and requires change.

Powerfully arguing the kingdom of God (and therefore the Church) is by definition a mosaic of cultures, she calls us to move beyond the fact of diversity, continue to strive for true godly inclusion, thereby seeking authentic integration and becoming a truly multi-racial church. MacDonald offers hope, reminding us that 'multi-cultural churches cannot be achieved with monochrome leadership ...' and that 'diverse leadership brings about better leadership.' This is not merely about representation but a more godly Church.

It feels right to give the final words to Chine who through this book has significantly contributed to our ongoing conversations about racial justice. 'For this change to come, it will take all of

us being vulnerable... searching to unveil little known truths that might help us to see the world and each other in a different light. It will take all of us listening.'

Review by Mat Ineson, CPAS Leadership Enabler.

