



***“Justice will not be served until those unaffected are as outraged as those who are.”
- Benjamin Franklin***

Equity vs. Equality: 6 Steps Towards Equity by Shane Safir



Reflections Yesterday I hope you had a chance to witness the SpaceX Crew Dragon’s liftoff at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center. It was the first time we launched humans into space from our shores since 2011. It was the culmination of work over six years. It was inspiring to watch. This event was just one of many in an emotional week. Up close we engaged in a parade that was exactly what we needed to have some gas in the tank to finish the year. It was a hit with students, families, and staff alike. My face was so tired from smiling for so long. I witnessed many cheers, smiles, and tears. It was a very joyful event. For me, it will be one of the times in my life that I will never forget. I know that feeling is shared by many. It is difficult to then contrast this with the pain our country is also experiencing. From afar, we witnessed the death of George Floyd, watched protests throughout the country, and now see parts of cities burning. The outrage is real and justified. Like many of you, I have questions about how I can be a better ally to the black community. What I have learned over the years is to listen and to not stand on the sidelines. But I will always have questions. As an educator, it is my responsibility to ask these questions, listen, and to strive to be the best champion of equity I can be. When we teach our students about bullying, we always talk about the need to do something when we are a bystander. Action is a requirement for our students and adults alike. If you are not sure where to start, check out the above article and the work of [Lisa Delpit](#).

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