



Racism

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The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

"A Jewish man was traveling on a trip from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side." –Jesus, Luke 10:30-32 (NLT)

Then a Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him." –Jesus, Luke 10:33-34 (NLT)

#1 With God's help, I'll be honest about what's in my heart when it comes to racism.

#2 Seek to understand others different than me. "Racism is not just the presence of hatred, it's the absence of love."

The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the LORD your God. Leviticus 19:34 (NIV)

Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the LORD your God. Leviticus 19:10 (NIV)

#3 The purpose of my life is not to be a(n) _____, but to glorify God through Jesus and see God glorified by as many people as possible.

#4 Cross the road.

After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. And they were shouting with a mighty shout, "Salvation comes from **our** God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!" Revelation 7:9-10 (NLT)

For your LifeGroup Discussion

What is your experience of "racism" (either to you or even by you)? Why do you think it happened?

Read Luke 10:25-31 and talk about the story Jesus gives. What do you see?

-How would you feel if you were either a Jewish person or a Samaritan if you heard it?

Read Ephesians 2:11-22. What does this say about what God has done in this world to bring people together?

-How does this fit in with nationalism and pride of our country?

What is one thing we can do to "cross the road" to loving others?