

BEFRIEND

The Other Race

Racism

Prejudice, stereotype, or discrimination of someone based on race.

Group at Nat'l discussion on Race:

"Please Don't call me your black friend. This kind of label actually reveals the poverty of our friendship. Not until I am seen as simply your friend will it start to feel like you regard me as your equal."

Not Colorblind

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,
Revelation 7:9



The Good Samaritan

25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" **26** He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" **27** And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." **28** And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" **30** Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. **31** Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. **32** So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. **34** He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. **35** And the next day he took out two denarii[c] and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' **36** Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" **37** He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."





Discussion Questions

1. In what ways has racial tension impacted your life and relationships?
2. What are some micro-aggressions of racism you see? You're smart...for your race, your English is pretty good, etc.
3. Should we be color blind? Why?
4. What is privilege? How can you listen to the minority?
5. Which of the 3 R's is most difficult for you? Why?

Where do we go from here?

John Perkins...

Relocation

Aka: *Incarnation*. More than changing zip codes, but becoming involved in the community, knowing your neighbors, and being aware of the issues that confront them on a daily basis. Your neighbors issues become yours too.

Reconciliation

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility. **Ephesians 2:14**

Justice is any act of reconciliation that restores any part of God's creation back to its original intent, purpose, or image.

Redistribution (acts 6:1-7)

Aka: stewardship. All we have belongs to God. We're stewards or coaches of it. (not GM's). What are you a *steward* of?

Jon Foreman -

'The Sound' was inspired by a man who sang a louder song than hatred. Love is the loudest song we can sing. Louder than racism. Louder than Fear. Louder than hatred. John Perkins said it right: love is the final fight.

