

**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday?
Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you
unpack what you heard on Sunday while diving deeper into
God's word.**

1. Do you remember the first time you realized people were different colors? What happened?
2. Have you ever experienced any kind of racism? How did you handle it?
3. *What insight, observation, or principle from this weekend's message did you find most helpful, insightful, or troubling? Explain.*

As the world grows more connected, our neighbors are closer than ever. But how close are we to our neighbors? You might not share a fence, but you can still share their burdens and joys. Now's the time to show the world How to Neighbor.

Start digging. Read Scripture about racial equality.

Romans 10:12

Colossians 3:11

Acts 10:34-35

John 13:34-35

- What insights or observations can be learned concerning racial equity from these passages of scripture?

Read the Story of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10:25-37.

- How you would summarize the point of this story in one sentence?

- The Good Samaritan had to cross a literal street and a racial divide to love his neighbor. What barriers have you had to cross to love your neighbor?
- How is racism depicted in this story? What prejudices did the Jewish people & Samaritan people have against one another?
- What are some prejudices (racial or otherwise) you've recognized in yourself? What will you do with them?
- Share an experience that helped you understand things from the perspective of another race.
- Racism isn't just what we do—sometimes it's what we don't do. Are you withholding from people who are different from you? What would it look like to do the opposite?

Digging Deeper

- *On Sunday Pastor Jason made the statement "To say you care, but not to act, is to not care at all." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Is there some area that God is calling you to act?*

Read James 2:8-9. How have you and your culture favored some people over others?

HOW TO NEIGHBOR

RACISM RECONCILED – LUKE 10:25-37

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Luke 10:25-37(ESV) 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?”

- **JUSTIFY = Vindicated, Cause one to be in, to put the conscious to rest**

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.

- **COMPASSION = Splagchizomai: to have the bowels yearn, to feel deep sympathy, to be moved to action**

**TO SAY YOU CARE, BUT NOT TO ACT,
IS TO NOT CARE AT ALL**

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 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.”

RACISM IS NOT A SKIN ISSUE, RACISM IS A SIN ISSUE

James 2:9(NLT) ⁹ But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a

sin. You are guilty of breaking the law.

HOW DO WE NEIGHBOR THOSE DIFFERENT FROM US?

1. RECOGNIZE YOUR PREJUDICES

- **PREJUDICE – (prejudging) preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience.**

2. SEEK TO UNDERSTAND

3. LOVE THOSE DIFFERENT FROM YOU

**RACISM IS NOT JUST THE PRESENCE OF HATRED, IT'S THE
ABSENCE OF LOVE.**

John 13:35(ESV) By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Galatians 3:28(ESV) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Revelation 7:9-10(ESV) ⁹ 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, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

Romans 10:12-13(NIV) ¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”