

Conversation Starters

- What has stuck with you from the [conversation last week](#)?

Discuss

“With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” ([Micah 6:6-8 NIV](#))

In the listening and learning and joining of the cry against racism, it is important for us to keep moving forward and ensure we go through this in a way that honors Jesus and strengthens us as a family of faith and makes a difference in the world. Here are some action steps we can take:

1. **Repent** (Reference [2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV](#))
2. **Lead with Love** (Reference [Galatians 5:14-15 NLT](#))
3. **Speak Up and Speak Out** (Reference [Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, 4, 7 NIV](#))
4. **Get Educated** (Reference [II Thessalonians 3:14-15 Msg](#))
5. **Work for Policy Change**
6. **Be in Relationship with People of Other Races**
7. **Start at Home**
8. **Pray**
 - Which of these steps do you need to, personally, work on the most?
 - Are there any blatant or shadow forms of racism in your life?
 - Are you adding more love or hate to the conversation?
 - How can you be an active anti-racist?
 - What’s one step you can take now to begin learning more about racism?
 - How active are you towards shaping society and our policies?
 - Do you have relationships (deep ones) with people of other races?
 - How are you celebrating racial diversity in your home?
 - How often have you prayed about racism and the needs of our world?

Next Steps

Work on the above next steps this week.

[The Grounds Online Book Club: “The Color of Compromise”](#)

Going Forward: Next Steps

Resources

[Church and Culture Blog: Listening to Our Brothers and Sisters](#)

[Real Talk: Listen for \(a\) Change YouTube Link](#)

Pray

God, you created, shaped and colored each one of us in your own image. Forgive us for how or when we've let racism continue to spread hatred and division. Thank you for the grace you give to each of us and the people that you have placed around us. Help us to extend that grace to others. Give us wisdom as we take next steps to fight against racism and help us lead with love.