

HOW TO NEIGHBOR—1 RACISM RECONCILED

But [the man] wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Luke 10:29

But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. Luke 10:33-34

RACISM IS NOT A SKIN ISSUE. RACISM IS A SIN ISSUE.

But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law. James 2:9 NLT

HOW DO WE NEIGHBOR THOSE DIFFERENT FROM US?

1) RECOGNIZE OUR PREJUDICES.

Prejudice: (prejudging) preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience.

2) SEEK TO UNDERSTAND OTHERS.

3) LOVE THOSE DIFFERENT FROM YOU.

RACISM ISN'T JUST THE PRESENCE OF HATRED. IT'S THE ABSENCE OF LOVE.

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28

...There before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from

every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”
Revelation 7:9-10

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.” Romans 10:12-13

Talk It Over

- Have you ever experienced any kind of racism? How did you handle it?
- Read James 2:9. How have you and your culture favored some people over others?
- How will you love your neighbor: reconcile a relationship, invite someone to dinner, start a conversation?
- Start the *How to Neighbor* Bible Plan—a practical guide to loving your neighbor as yourself. go2.lc/howtoneighbor