



Group Guide 3/19/17

Series: *How To Neighbor*

Message: **#1 Reconciling Racism**

Start talking Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Do you remember the first time you realized people were different colors? What happened?
- Have you ever experienced any kind of racism? How did you handle it?

Start thinking Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Read **James 2:9**. How have you and your culture favored some people over others?
- We talked about how racism is a *sin* issue, not a *skin* issue. Why do you think racism is at odds with God's ways?
- There is no racism gene. So where does it come from? How do you combat it?

Start sharing Choose questions that create openness.

- 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?
- The Good Samaritan had to cross a literal street and a racial divide to love his neighbor. What barriers will you cross?

Start digging Read Scripture about racial equality.

- **Romans 10:12**
- **Colossians 3:11**
- **Acts 10:34-35**
- **John 13:34-35**

Start praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

- God, will You break down the racial and social walls we've put up? Holy Spirit, reveal in our hearts any prejudice You want out. Give us the strength to love as You first loved us. Amen.
- Start doing. Commit to a step, and live it out this week.
- How will you love your neighbor: reconcile a relationship, invite someone to dinner, start a conversation?