



# Racism Reconciled

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<sup>25</sup> One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup> Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?” <sup>27</sup> The man answered, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” <sup>28</sup> “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!” <sup>29</sup> The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”  
**Luke 10:25-29 NLT**

## 1. Who is my neighbor?

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## 2. 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**

## 3. How do we neighbor those different from us?

- Recognize our prejudices
- Seek to understand others
- Love those different from you

*There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

**Galatians 3:28 NLT**

<sup>9</sup> After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they were shouting with a great roar, “Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and from the Lamb!”

**Revelation 7:9-10 NLT**

<sup>43</sup> “You have heard the law that says, ‘Love your neighbor’ and hate your enemy.” <sup>44</sup> But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! <sup>45</sup> In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. <sup>46</sup> If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. <sup>47</sup> If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that.

**Matthew 5:43-47 NLT**

### Next Steps:

- Read Luke 10:25-37 (Good Samaritan)
- One practical thing I will do this week to show love to a neighbor is: \_\_\_\_\_
- Intentionally reach out to someone who is different from me this week
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