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A CRUCIAL CONVERSATION

Discussion Guide

BIG IDEA

“Racism”, “race-relations”, “racial-divides”, and many other race-centered buzzwords have been largely under-discussed within the walls of the church. Pastor Daniel and Pastor Jimmy Rollins, of i5 City Church, address the topic of race through a candid discussion with each other. They give an insight into how they were able to identify their own differences and to move beyond them to advance the Kingdom in unity. Through practical changes such as inviting others into our world and being intentional about understanding others, we can all move beyond ourselves and truly live as one body in Christ.

SCRIPTURE USED IN THE MESSAGE

- 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (MSG)
- Galatians 3:28
- Genesis 11:1-9
- Mark 2:1-12
- Psalm 133:1
- John 4:4-34
- 2 Chronicles 7:14
- Psalm 139:23-24

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- Where do our assumptions about other people come from? What can we do to start breaking down our assumptions? What assumptions have you had to break down?
- If people are making improper assumptions about you, what can you do to move forward? What is your response when you realize the way you have been thinking (or your assumption) is incorrect?
- Why does Satan seek to keep the Church divided? What are some dangers of the Church not being in unity? How do our assumptions keep the Church from being in unity?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- Commit to entering the world of someone different from you this week, even while practicing social distancing.
- Practice forgiveness and choosing to forgive no matter what the offense is.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray that God will turn our greatest misery into our greatest ministry and that we would remember our journey so our heart will break for the things that break the heart of God. Pray for compassion for the experiences of others and that God will use the differences to show his Kingdom united for Him.

LEADER TIPS

Think of someone you trust who may be unlike you in some way (race or other) and have a difficult conversation about the things that differentiate you and unify you. Practice having difficult conversations.