

Dialogue Toward Healthier Diversity

Here are some introductory questions that might be helpful in promoting better understanding between two people regarding racial equality:

Tell me about the environment where you grew up.

What significant events have shaped your life?

Who are three people that have positively impacted you? How did they influence you?

What do you hope to gain from a conversation?

Have you ever experienced pain and hurt regarding your cultural identity?

If so, did you experience any oppression or discrimination?

What questions have you been afraid to ask when it comes to racial issues and diversity?

Where do you find yourself defensive on this issue?

In what ways do you want to grow in this area?

What are your biggest fears around issues of racial understanding?

Have you become aware of any ways where you feel you have been part of a larger problem?

Are there areas where you could be part of the solution? How does your church address these issues well? How might they improve? In what ways can you contribute productively to the conversation? Where are you hopeful right now? Where have you seen God work recently? One step I want to take in this area is.... I still need to learn more about....

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FURTHER QUESTIONS?

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