



# LifeGroup Discussion

1. Tell us something you love about your own culture and something you wish were different.  
Tell a story about a time when someone of another culture made an assumption about your culture and it caused you harm. How did that make you feel?
2. What difference would it make if diversity was more of a reality in our life and church?
3. What are some ways we can celebrate our differences to communicate an attitude of acceptance?  
How can we begin to take steps toward racial reconciliation while celebrating differences and uniqueness?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 together.  
How can we be reconciled to God and then also live out reconciliation with other people?

## Next Steps

1. **Join us for Common Ground Conversations** this Wednesday, October 5 at 7:00 pm with Lamont Hartman, Armida Millan, Dan Gonzaga and Erin Krusiewicz. See weekly topics at [calvarylife.org/series](http://calvarylife.org/series)
2. **Express willingness to be part of a 'Be the Bridge Discussion Group'** that will discuss racial reconciliation and unity over eight weeks. Email Eric Wakeling at [ewakeling@calvarylife.org](mailto:ewakeling@calvarylife.org) or fill out The Card today and write Racial Reconciliation Group in the comments. We would love for these groups to be as diverse as possible.
3. **Consider reading the book *Under Our Skin: Getting Real about Race. Getting Free from the Fears and Frustrations that Divide Us*** by Benjamin Watson. Drawing from his own life, his family legacy, his role as father and husband and experience in the NFL, Watson honestly examines both sides of the race debate and the possibility of faith as a step toward healing. Now available in Calvary's Corner Bookstore.
4. **If you are part of the majority, commit to listening before speaking on this topic as much as possible.** Take time to research, read and listen to voices of different backgrounds and points of view to be able to understand and sympathize before offering your opinion.
5. **Open yourself up to experiences outside of your comfort zone to help you understand others.** Intentionally have a guest of a different ethnicity than your own in your home for a meal. Visit a church of a different ethnicity at some point. Watch a race-themed movie or documentary.
6. **Pray about this issue.** Talk to God about the honest feelings deep in your heart. Confess any sins in this area. Ask God for help. Possibly journal through your conversation with the Lord.