

NEXT STEPS | Quest Church Faith & Race 2016 | Reconciliation for REAL

What is my ONE NEXT STEP that I will take in the coming month to continue to do the work - to live into this ongoing lifestyle journey of reconciliation?

Who am I telling about this one next step to encourage me, do it with me, or hold me accountable?

TOP 10 IDEAS – HOW TO KEEP DOING THE WORK

1. Learn about your **own racial history**, story, and influences. Talk to family, read, reflect, write it down. Celebrate your particular story and influences, and share who God made you to be
2. Educate yourself about **another people groups' histories, stories, and struggles**. Read a book, watch a movie, research online. Use Quest's "Faith and Race Resources" web page for ideas.
3. Bring the questions we used at the Faith & Race class to your C-group; ask about and listen well to the stories in your group particularly around race and injustice. Or share information from the class with your family, co-workers, or others to **start and deepen conversations about race after the class & outside of church**.
4. **Pray and read scriptures** showing how central race and justice matters are for God's call on us as disciples; ask the Holy Spirit to guide and empower you to continue to be part of the intentional work of reconciliation.
5. Visit a local museum or historic site that teaches about **racial history in Seattle**. Understand the impacts of the forced removal of the indigenous people on this land and see their torn communities even today.
6. **Host a movie outing or book club** for your friends that is centered on a work that deals w/faith and race.
7. Eat at an authentic local restaurant that is connected to an ethnic community, and get to know the neighborhood history. Greet the owners, and **support local business/rootedness and culture**.
8. **Learn about Seattle's Police Force** and how race shapes law and order, enforcement, and sentencing in our city – read online/newspaper, track community meetings with the new Chief, etc.
9. If you've done this work for a long time, give yourself a break to not always be the teacher, the leader, or the advocate. **Rest well. Find support**. Visit Angaaza, or a Glocal Leadership group, or other space at Quest where you can thrive. Pay attention to where you find safe spaces. Share what you need.
10. Engage with the ongoing commitments that **Quest Glocal Ministries** leads that seek to impact racial injustice in some form. Choose one to pray for, encourage, or volunteer with. Examples include:
 - **Urban Impact**, new partner in the Rainier Valley, invests in youth and families who have lower racial privilege and experience injustices in our city, esp related to education and economics
 - **Puentes**, new partner tackling Immigration Reform at the Tacoma Detention Center
 - **Bread for the World**, letter writing state and national advocacy tackles domestic and int'l poverty that is slanted heavily by racial injustices
 - **Refugee Engagement**, World Relief's companionship for those new to the city/country
 - **Faith & Race** events happen each quarter; we're looking for more advocates in this area throughout the yr

ENGAGE – UPCOMING EVENTS

- Join a **Faith & Race Book Group**; options are starting in April, check online for more info soon
- Consider volunteer in Rainier Valley with **Urban Impact** as an after school homework tutor or mentor; we're working to gather leaders and invested volunteers for this important partnership now. If you're interested please email deb@seattlequest.org
- Also watch for invitations to join **Urban Impact** in ongoing relationship and advocacy through community engagement with the **Seattle Police Department**.
- Get involved with **#AllTogetherSeattle**, the Bridge Care Center's city-wide partnership encouraging conversation and advocacy around poverty and homelessness, deeply impacting Native/Indigenous and other communities of color. Community-wide movie events are March 15th, April 5th and April 26th at Quest.
- **Faith and Race Action Team** - watch for upcoming education events, community and gathering events, public art events, and more!

Or - start your own! Host a conversation, meal with friends, join in on advocacy, engage in self-education, self-care. Know that we are on this journey together, being led by God's work, encouraged and nourished by the Holy Spirit.