

Scenario Response Worksheet

A group of community members feel called to use the term white supremacy more explicitly when talking about racism and racial justice efforts. Some members have voiced their discomfort to the leadership about the language. They believe it is too extreme (conjuring horrible images of the KKK). They also believe it implies a sense of judgment and makes white people feel bad about being white. They said they support racial equity initiatives, but they feel really uncomfortable with this use of language. They question if there is room for their perspective in the dialogue.

1. What are the tensions in this scenario?
2. To what degree do the themes in this scenario play out in communities of which you are a part? Where do you think they come from (culturally, theologically, etc.)? How are they supported?
3. How is privilege and/or racism manifesting?
4. How would you feel if you were in this situation?
5. What would you say in response? (<i>For faith communities: What spiritual/theological beliefs help ground you in that response?</i>)

In small groups:

6. How would you hope people would respond to this situation?

7. How could the use of “both/and” thinking inform the response?