

# Front Porch Conversations

## Discussion, Reflection, Action

### Video part 1

#### Telling our Stories: Think about your story or stories:

1. What do you think of when you hear the words, “systematic or systemic racism”?

*Systematic means methodical and with planned intent.*

*Systemic implies a pervasive and widespread condition.*

2. Are there points of resistance that sometimes come into your mind when discussing racism or white privilege?
3. What is a story you would point to that illustrates a time when your eyes were more fully opened to racism and privilege in our midst?
4. Growing up, were there words or phrases or references that cast persons of color in a negative light? Were you ever the recipient of prejudice? If so, tell your story. How did you feel?
5. How can we make space for others to have a conversation about their experiences or understandings of racism?
6. What can we or our congregations do to enable the sharing of stories around race, privilege, prejudice?
7. How can we make a safe space so that we can honestly and authentically share our stories? What steps do we need to put in place for this to happen?
8. What is it that we need to learn through the sharing of our stories?



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