

Suggestions for How to use this Video Series

For Small Group Discussion – Discussion questions are posted to accompany each video.

- We recommend that you do not watch all three videos at once – but take them one at a time. The videos are approximately 30 minutes each.
- We realize these are a little long for some Sunday School or Book Study classes (We are taking notes on what we will do differently if we should endeavor to record more conversations from the porch.)
- We would encourage you to utilize the renewal and reaffirmation of Baptism service that is posted on the Website with these materials at the close of your conversation and discussion in relation to the third video conversation. This service of renewal of baptism could also be a way to begin further discussions with a wider group on what steps you and your congregation might take regularly to work at writing the next chapter or story of our work in addressing racism.

Alternate Study possibility:

**Instead of making this a 3-part study – you may want to make this into a 6-part series. In Session I. Video #1 can be paused after Bishop Grove's Story for discussion. And then in your second study session, you can complete the first video by picking up where you left off to listen and then discuss what you hear from Bishop Lyght and Ives. Of course, the invitation at the end of Video "1 is to begin to share your stories and listen to other persons stories.

**In your next meeting session (third) Video #2 can be paused after hearing from Bishop Grove and Bishop Ives. Meeting session 4 would pick up with Bishop Lyght – however the leader/facilitator will need to remind people of what was shared by Bishop Ives to put Bishop Lyght's statements in context.

**If you desire to split the third video into two study components, we encourage you to pause and discuss following Bishop Lyght's sharing and pick up with Bishop Grove and Steiner Ball in a sixth meeting time. As you finish this series, we would encourage you to utilize the renewal and reaffirmation of Baptism service that is posted on the Website with these materials. This service of renewal of baptism could also be a way to begin further discussions with a wider group on what steps you and your congregation might take regularly to work at writing the next chapter or story of our work in addressing racism.

This video series can also be used for individual reflection, but we invite you space out your viewing of the videos. Reflect on the suggested discussion questions. Ponder how you will expand your conversations and discussion and with whom.

Create Safe Space for Everyone for your study and discussion.

Respectful Communication Guidelines

- R = Take RESPONSIBILITY for what you say and feel without blaming others
- E = Use EMPATHETIC listening
- S = Be SENSITIVE to differences in communication styles
- P = PONDER what you hear and feel before you speak

- E = EXAMINE your own assumptions and perceptions
- C = Keep CONFIDENTIALITY
- T = TRUST ambiguity because we are not here to debate who is right or wrong

-Kaleidoscope Institute, www.kscopeinstitute.org

Process for Mutual Invitation (a process for helping discussion)

The leader Designates a person to share first. After sharing, that person invites another person to then share. As each person is invited they have three options for how to respond to the invitation to share:

Three options:

- Share and invite
- Pass for now, then invite another to share. The group will remember to invite this person again later.
- Pass and invite. The group will not return to this person in this round.
- Do this until everyone has been invited - or invited again for those who ‘pass for now.’

-Wolf Shall Dwell With the Lamb by Eric HF Law, www.kscopeinstitute.org



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