

## **LORD, WE'VE GOT A PROBLEM!**

### **Small Group Discussion Questions**



1. What new awareness(es) did you gain from this video?
2. How has the video led you to hear God's call for compassion toward fellow humans who are left out of the American dream because of the color of their skin? Why do/should people of color have to *prove* their humanity? (*So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27*)
3. How familiar are you with systemic racism? How would you describe the relationship between unjust practices and policies and the disadvantages people must cope with because of racism?
4. What have you learned about the concept of "White privilege"? (Are you finding it difficult to grasp?) In what ways have you benefitted from or been hurt by "White privilege"?
5. How can YOU use your God-given privilege/"response-ability" to advocate for change?
6. When we have personal encounters with or hear stories of people living in poverty, or in dysfunctional families, or of the unemployed and of those who seem to be locked into a life of crime, we tend to think their circumstances are solely the result of their own bad decisions. In what way does the video presentation on systemic racism give you cause to reconsider that viewpoint?
7. The video presentation addresses the way in which systemic racism infects so many aspects of our lives: education, employment, housing, healthcare, the legal system, voting, etc. Can you recognize ways in which YOU--as an educator (or student) or as an employer (or employee) or as a community activist (or resident) or as a store owner (or patron) or as a police officer or judge or voter or in SOME capacity--can actively combat systemic racism? (Even if you are the "victim"?)

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