

## SEEING EXCLUSION

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[Jesus] said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." - Mark 7:27

### SUNDOWN TOWN:

"Towns that were all white on purpose, by force, law or custom. Often a sign was posted at the city limits such as: 'Nigger, Don't Let The Sun Go Down On You In \_\_\_\_\_.'" - Jamie W. Loewen

### WHITE PRIVILEGE:

"Institutional set of benefits, including greater access to resources and power, bestowed upon people classified as white." - White Privilege Conference



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## HER "CARE-GIVER"

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Even though you intended to do me harm, God intended it for good. - Genesis 50:20

### UNCONSCIOUS RACIAL BIAS:

"Unintentional associations that the mind forms connecting skin color, gender, or other identity markers to inherent traits such as intelligence, morals or athleticism, or to social roles, such as professional or menial labor." - Debbie Irving



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## THE LAND I INHERIT

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And the crowds asked [Jesus], "What then shall we do?" - Luke 3:10

### THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY:

"The 'doctrine of discovery' is a theological justification of colonization that later became nationalistic justification, initiated when European monarchies invasively arrived in the Western Hemisphere in the 15th, 16th and later centuries, during the so-called 'Age of Discovery,' they claimed the lands, territories and resources of the indigenous peoples, asserting that the monarchies had a right to appropriate on behalf of Christendom. The monarchies' claims of a Christian dominion (dominance) over indigenous peoples and their lands served them pragmatically to fend off competing monarchies and to de-legitimize the long-established autonomous indigenous peoples' governments." - ELCA Background on the Doctrine of Discovery



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## A HISTORY LESSON

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You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. - John 8:32

### INSTITUTIONAL RACISM:

"The ways in which institutions- social, political, educational, financial, religious, medical, housing jobs, criminal justice- create and/or perpetuate systems that advantage white people at the expense of people of color." - Debbie Irving



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## OUR STORY OF RACIAL RECONCILIATION

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We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you...open wide your hearts also. - 2 Corinthians 6:11-13

### MICRO-AGGRESSION:

"A brief statement or action that implies that someone's physical features, identity or story sets them apart as 'other' or 'less-than', regardless of what the speaker intended." - Ihoby Rakotomalala



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