

- 38. Have you ever been convicted of a crime, and was the church there for you? (Don't answer publicly)
- 39. Have you ever helped someone recently released from jail/prison?
- 40. Have you ever been the victim of racial profiling? Share with others how it makes you feel?
- 41. Have you ever visited a church of another predominant race?
- 42. Does your church welcome everybody to worship regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status?
- 43. LGBTQ, homosexuality, adultery, hypocrites, addictions, gamblers, etc. – Which concerns you most? Why? Can any of these be saved?
- 44. Where are you REALLY from? Who REALLY has a right to ask this question? Who REALLY owns America?
- 45. Do you feel we should shelter our children and youth from the world's issues? If yes, How?
- 46. Are you praying for Jesus to come soon? How do you know when you're ready? Really?
- 47. Would you go wherever He sends you? Where wouldn't you go?
- 48. Are you personally ready to meet Him?
- 49. Have you personally introduced Him to anybody lately or ever?
- 50. Are you interested in scheduling and hosting a Just Claim It Youth Prayer Rally for your community?

Where do we go from here?

- Stop talking and do something different for Jesus.
- I am my brother/sister's keeper – what affects one should affect all!
- "With such an army of youth rightly trained...." Does this refer to Adventist youth only? Can God use others instead of us?
- Can we justifiably stand with our church's neighbors when it comes to injustices?
- Try walking in someone else's shoes for a day, week, or month.

What's my personal mission plan as a Christian? Next Steps?

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Let's offer some HOPE to the world via:

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Are we content with just worshipping with an appearance of not wanting to be disturbed by what's happening around the corner or even next door to our churches?

No matter our interpretation, many of our youth are affected daily depending on where they live.

This guide is to provide a simple tool that will encourage dialogue, to prepare us as we face the world ahead.

Follow these steps:

1

SET A DATE

Prepare a discussion starter and questions to consider

2

LISTEN & PRAY

Take time to listen to each other
Pray for the World

3

DO SOMETHING

Stop talking and do something
Offer hope to the World

“
*If My people who are called
by My name will...
humble themselves and pray...
I will heal their land.*”

Highly Recommended

The following exercise should take place over several weeks along with a measurable follow-up plan.

QUESTIONS

1. How are our nation's current events affecting me personally?
2. Have I separated the facts from fiction?
3. Should I even care?
4. Is racism an issue in my community?
5. Is racism an issue in my church?
6. Have we ever had an honest conversation about racism in our church/family?
7. Are we separated by those who have and those who have not?
8. Is America moving backwards?
9. What does the Bible say about these things?
10. Should we use Spirit of Prophecy quotes as an excuse from getting involved?
11. Do I have a personal mission to help make a difference?
12. Should we send condolences to non-Christian families when they lose a loved one?
13. Are we really our brother/sister's keeper?
14. In reality, how do we "occupy" until Jesus comes?
15. What is the perception of your church in your city/community?
16. Does anyone know you are there?
17. Would the community miss you if you left?
18. Should we keep silent in the midst of injustices? Or, is it someone else's problem?
19. Should we accept jury duty?
20. Should we pay taxes?
21. Should we vote and encourage others to do so?
22. Should we engage or partner with healing initiatives for urban communities?
23. Are our heads in the sand?
24. Is there a "Do Not Disturb" sign on our door?
25. Should we openly support law enforcement and honor them for their sacrifices?
26. Should we call them out in questionable situations? What if it's your friend or child?
27. What are we telling the little children?
28. Have you ever heard "we are all God's children" or "why can't we all get along"?
29. Are we in denial as a church?
30. Is your church really a safe place?
31. Should we value and respect the opinions of others?
32. How can we become more creative in our mission?
33. How can we help create change?
34. Should we participate in community prayer rallies with other faith groups?
35. Is your drinking water safe?
36. Are you legal or illegal?
37. Do you live above or below the poverty line?