

OCTOBER 31 & NOVEMBER 1, 2020

## ACROSS RACES

ACTS 6:1-7

### Introduction

1. Utilize \_\_\_\_\_

2. Resist \_\_\_\_\_

Get \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Others

\_\_\_\_\_ something

3. Practice \_\_\_\_\_

4. Promote \_\_\_\_\_

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

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1. Did you grow up with close friends from other races? Explain.
2. Describe (if you can) a situation in which you personally experienced discrimination (e.g., because you were a person of color, or female, or a Christian, or lacked a college degree, or whatever). How did that situation make you feel?
3. Read Acts 6:1, 2. What sorts of “privileges” did the Hebraic Christians experience in the early church? Why might they have been oblivious to those privileges?
4. What privileges do you enjoy in life? What does God want you to do with those privileges? Suggest one or two tangible action steps.
5. Put yourself in the shoes of the Hellenistic Christians. What are some of the feelings you might have experienced prior to this problem getting fixed?
6. Why is it important to “get educated” about historical racial injustice? List as many reasons as you can think of. Why should we lament these injustices--even if we did not personally contribute to them? What is one thing you could do to “resist injustice”?
7. Read Acts 6:5, 6. What do the names in these verses tell us about the way in which the apostles resolved the problem of racism in the early church? Give an example of how you could practice greater inclusion.
8. Read Acts 6:7. Why do you think the resolving of the racial issue in the early church resulted in more fruitful evangelism? How could you apply this lesson in your own life? How could we apply it at CCC?