

**Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.  
Do what it says.**

*- James 1:22*

### **Ideas for Putting This Sunday's Learning Into Practice**

#### **Read**

##### **Philippians 2:1-4**

If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you *care*— then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand. (MSG)

##### **Reflect**

- Where do you personally hold privilege?
- What are some ways that you can begin to lay privilege down, for the sake of others?

#### **Read**

##### **Micah 6:8**

The LORD God has told us what is right and what he demands: "See that justice is done, let mercy be your first concern, and humbly obey your God." (CEV)

##### **Reflect**

- How can the work of justice become a more tangible reality in your life?
- Have you considered redistributing privilege by intentionally spending money at and donating to BIPOC-owned businesses and justice initiatives?

#### **Read**

##### **John 15:13**

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. (NIV)

##### **Reflect**

- Is your concern over injustice moving from your head to your heart? **How do you know?**

- What intentional action steps can you take to help love grow deeper and more genuine in your heart towards those who are different than you?

## Read

### Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (NIV)

### Reflect

- Take note of every circle in your life where there is racial uniformity. How can you try to dismantle this pattern and break the circle open, in every realm?
- Who can you invite into this journey together with you?

## Watch

**There are many powerful movies and documentaries that can help widen your perspective on the real experiences of BIPOC, both historically and today. Consider some of these important watches:**

- **13<sup>th</sup>** – Award Winning Documentary Exploring the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment and Mass Incarceration
- **Selma** – Historical Drama based on the 1965 Selma to Montgomery Voting Marches
- **Just Mercy** – True Story of Walter McMillian’s Appeal of a 1986 Wrongful Conviction
- **Becoming** – Inspirational Documentary on Michelle Obama

## Keep Learning

We are wrapping up our It Takes A Village series for this year, but the journey towards racial justice and reconciliation is anything but over. Keep listening, learning, praying, and acting in ways that bring more of God’s light and Kingdom love into your heart, and then in turn to the world.

**Continue to check out these and other great resources:**

“**How To Be An Antiracist**” – Free 1 hour virtual event – July 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm  
[CLICK HERE](#) For Details & Free Tix

“**A Short Resource on Dismantling Racism**” by Rohadi [www.rohadi.com/](http://www.rohadi.com/)

ITAV Week 1 Resources – [CLICK HERE](#)

ITAV Week 2 Resources – [CLICK HERE](#)