



Key Points :

- God loves Justice (Isaiah 61.8) and one particularly relevant area of injustice in our time is racism (discrimination against a person or people on the basis of their race or ethnicity)
- How does the church respond to racist discrimination in Acts 6.1 (Hellenistic Greek speaking widows (the minority) being discriminated against)?
 - Response needs to start with the church and not wait for society
 - Don't get distracted from the real issue
 - Those least impacted by discrimination are often most unaware of it
 - The apostles behave like allies
 - Bold action is needed (Acts 6.3)

Questions:

Conversation Starter

1. Which areas of injustice in the world are you most aware of?

Start Thinking & Sharing

2. How do you think the 'average' Hebrew-speaking believer (the majority culture) might have reacted to this problem raised by the Greek-speaking believers?
3. Is Justice important? (Cf. God loves Justice!)
4. Have you ever been discriminated against?
5. How do you feel about becoming an ally to people and people groups who are discriminated against? What might that look like practically for you?

Start praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

6. God, we are sorry for the ways in which we've been part of the problem of racism and not part of the solution. Help us to understand and put into practise what being an ally looks like. Amen

Start doing. Commit to a step, and live it out this week.

7. Take some time to sit with the Lord and ask the Holy Spirit to convict you of any wrong attitudes that you need to repent of, and to reveal ways in which you can act as an ally to someone who is being discriminated against.