

*I Know Someone Who...*  
**I Know Someone Who Thinks Racism Is  
Not a Problem Today**

**I. Introduction**

- A. "Racism isn't a problem for \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ or for most people in this church or community!"

**II. The Truth About Racism**

- A. James 2:1-4 (NLT) *<sup>1</sup>My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others? <sup>2</sup>For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. <sup>3</sup>If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, "You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor"—well, <sup>4</sup>doesn't this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives?*

1. "You are not like me, therefore, you are \_\_\_\_\_ excluded \_\_\_\_\_!"

- B. \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ is no respecter of persons!

1. Acts 10:34-35 (NLT) *<sup>34</sup>Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. <sup>35</sup>In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right.*

- C. God judges people based on their \_\_\_\_\_ heart \_\_\_\_\_.

1. 1 Sam. 16:7b (NAS) *"For God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."*

**III. Two Things That Will Help Us in This Area**

- A. Get into a \_\_\_\_\_ ministry \_\_\_\_\_ with someone of another race.

- B. Look at your everyday life and try to identify ways you can \_\_\_\_\_ improve \_\_\_\_\_ race relations.

1. "Be open-armed with them and help them \_\_\_\_\_ learn \_\_\_\_\_ and grow."

2. Are we going to go out of our way to \_\_\_\_\_ welcome \_\_\_\_\_ them, \_\_\_\_\_ embrace \_\_\_\_\_ them, and \_\_\_\_\_ include \_\_\_\_\_ them?

**IV. Conclusion**

Upcoming Messages: 7/7-8 "I Know Someone Who Thinks There Are Many Paths to God"; 7/14-15 "I Know Someone Who Struggles With Balancing Life's Demands"