

Scriptures to Ponder

How did Jesus handle culturalism and gender bias? John 4:5-32

1. Explain the animosity between Samaritans and Jews.
2. What was unusual about Jesus- a Jew- initiating conversation?
3. What attitude did the woman expect from a Jew?
4. How did Jesus explain to his disciples his attitude toward Samaritans?

How is prejudice experienced? Luke 6:20-26

1. What comfort can be found by victims of racism and oppression?
2. What guidance does this passage offer to people and institutions that are racist?

Why does prejudice exist? John 9:2-11; 1 Nephi 3:128-134, 151; 2 Nephi 1:18-25, 81

1. What is the correlation between how we treat others and our relationship to God?
2. What do these passages teach us about why prejudice exists?

What does the Bible say about privilege? Mark 10:15-26 IV (10:17-27 others)

1. Why did the rich man think he was qualified to be a follower of Jesus?
2. What does this story say about claiming privilege or superiority?

What do the Scriptures say about bias against others?

Discuss these scriptures and ways they do or do not support bias

Isaiah 58:1-12

Revelation 7:9-12

1 Nephi 1: 57-58

3 Nephi 1: 52-53

Acts 2:1-11, 43-47

Matthew 7:1-5

Doctrine & Covenants 2: 6

Acts 10:1-35

Ephesians 2:11-22

2 Nephi 4: 31-40; 125: 11

How do the Scriptures model inclusion?

Discuss how inclusion was modeled in Mark 7:24-30, Jacob 2:27, Mosiah 2: 18-49, Doctrine & Covenants 161:3, and in Matthew 8:5-13.

How do the Scriptures challenge the status quo?

Consider the following passages.

Acts 10 – Peter’s rooftop vision

Galatians 2:11-13 – Peter at Antioch

Acts 6:1-3 – Hellenistic women

Acts 15:1-21 – Paul, the Gentiles, and the Jerusalem Council

Doctrine & Covenants 116 – Ordination of persons of color

119: 9c & 125: 15 – Treatment of the sick