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# Where do you find your identity?

- 1. In Christ
- 2. In the Church (His new creation)

Racism
Prejudice
Discrimination

- 1. We like segregation.
- 2. We like control.
- 3. There are new walls of hostility.
- 4. Our arrogance hinders our learning.

Admit that we need help and we are infected at varying levels.

Warning signs that you are intentionally not trying to deal with issues of race and prejudice:

- 1. All your *friends* are the same race as you.
- 2. Of the friends that are of a different race, you have never had conversations with them about race.
- 3. You don't value a perspective different than yours as it relates to racial issues.

## Growth in this area will:

- 1. Uncomfortable/Messy Experiences
- 2. Sacrificial
- 3. Take Commitment
- 4. Expose Pride

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