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Zootopia: Revealing Our Own Racist Trauma and Healing

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What incidents of racism have you seen or experienced?

Which of these quotes from “Zootopia” resonate with you?

- “We reserve the right to reserve service to anyone.”
- As a way to lead people: “Fear always works.”
- “Go back to the forest - where you came from - predator!”
- When asked about “savage” behavior the answer was, “It may have something to do with biology...in their DNA.”

How have you seen these same sentiments expressed?

I (Phillip) talked about the American church’s complicity in racism. *What do you think?*

- Totally agree.*
- No way. I just don’t see it.*
- I need to look into that more.*

Here’s a survey question from the Public Religion Research Institute that Phillip quoted. Will you answer it? *Do you agree or disagree with this statement: Generations of slavery and discrimination have created conditions that make it difficult for blacks to work their way out of the lower class?*

Read Psalm 139:23-24

When God “examines “you, what “hurtful” ways, in regard to racism and discrimination, do you see in your attitudes and actions?

Read James 2:1,8 and Isaiah 1:17.

Based on these verses what should be our posture and practice toward others?

How did Jesus address the issue of discrimination?

How then should we?