



Small group notes – Week 3

Welcome

Welcome everyone & introduce yourselves.

Worship

It's always good to start in worship. Why don't you ask someone who can play a guitar or another instrument, if they will lead your group in some live worship or choose a couple songs to help lead people into God's presence – we have compiled a couple of playlists with a range of songs for you to use during worship and ministry.

[Riverside Vineyard Youtube Playlist](#)

[Vineyard Worship Spotify Playlist](#)



Video – Part 1, 2 & 3

In this week's session, we're going to be doing a lot of listening, so encourage people to really listen to the stories of others.



Reflection, Sharing & Ministry (20 minutes)

Encourage people to take a couple of minutes on their own to think about our own racial formation. Then encourage people to share for a couple of minutes each (This isn't long but we want to give everyone space to share and to help each of us to listen to one another's stories)

Then move into prayer ministry time (* see note below) Be aware that some emotions & pain may be present that Jesus wants to minister to. Invite the Holy Spirit to minister, to shine His light into our hearts, to release the redemptive love of God afresh into our lives.

Resources

We've listed a number of resources at www.riversidevineyard.com/resources/culturaldiversity These may be helpful to share with your group.



Next week

Encourage your group to be part of a Sunday service for the next talk and to come back next week.

* Note for small group leaders / hosts:

Prayer ministry time is for prayer ministry not intercession, but what's the difference?

Maybe someone shares that they have a difficult meeting at work tomorrow. Intercession is praying for the meeting, and that's OK. But in our small groups, we want to do ministry. We believe that God's Kingdom is near and can break in at any time, including now. So what does the person need? Wisdom, peace, courage? Ask the Holy Spirit to release these to the person now wherever they are!

A model that we find helpful is **Ask-Pray-Ask** as we aim to pray in the way Jesus taught us.