



Thank you for watching and learning with us at Fair Oaks University this summer. Our goal is to listen and grow in our understanding of our faith, race and justice. These questions are meant to spur on that process. We encourage you to have a discussion with those in your small group, household, or friends. We think this will be especially beneficial if we are willing to share and respectfully **listen** to one another.

The whole point of this discussion is to become better at loving one another. Jesus, commanded us in John 15:12 to love one another as he has loved us. Growing in our ability to love not only makes us more like Christ but is also a mandate for believers. Furthermore, it will make the Gospel more apparent in our church and community!

If you are interested in connecting with someone on these questions, feel free to reach out to Chris Eatough at [ceatough@fairoaks.church](mailto:ceatough@fairoaks.church)

## In response to *A NIGHT TO LISTEN*, work your way through these questions:

1. How did Reverend Earl Smith's story about he and his father's experience with police and needing to have "the talk" with his boys impact you?
2. What stereotypes have you been prone to associate with the Black or Hispanic communities? What stereotypes are associated with your ethnicity?
3. Earl Smith shared a variety of experiences with police, officials, and others in his life that were changed as a result of the color of his skin. How did those experiences impact you? Have you ever experienced something like this?
4. "People limit their ability to be change agents because they are comfortable with where they are." How would you respond to this statement? In what ways have you stood up to injustice or spoken out against evil?
5. How closely would something have to affect you to motivate change in the way you interact with people of a different race or culture?
6. In what way have you "bunkered" yourself from what is going on in society? Why?
7. Who did Jesus make himself available to? How does this differ from who you make yourself available to?
8. Why is it important for the advancement of the Kingdom for you to begin understanding and growing in your knowledge of race, culture, oppression or racism?
9. How could your understanding of different cultures and races increase your ability to follow, obey, and worship Jesus?

