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Perhaps nothing characterized the life of Jesus more than his pursuit of people whose lives and lifestyles did not look like his. If we fail to listen to people who don't experience the world the way we do, we will never bear their burden.

Discussion Questions

1. How have the killings of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor impacted you? Not the riots. Not the protests. The three killings. Why do you feel that way?
2. What's the logic behind Dr. King's statement *Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere*? Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?
3. How do people who don't look like you experience you? How *should* people who don't look like you experience you?
4. How many friendships do you have with people who don't look like you . . . really? For those friendships you may have, what do you want to know that you don't already know about their experience?
5. Read **John 13:33–35**. Then read **Galatians 6:2**. What are some tangible ways you can carry the burden of someone who doesn't look like you?

Changing Your Mind

I believe another way to fight fear of black men is through exposure. Until more white people live among and befriend black people, that fear will persist.

Until something changes, we black men must learn to live with the fearful white gaze. We keep our voices down, tiptoe through public spaces and stifle our fear.

—John Blake, Writer/Producer