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Small Group Questions for Discussion:

1. Read Matthew 9:35-38. Jesus describes the people as “harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” Would you add any other descriptions when you look at the U.S. today?
2. Jesus proclaims the gospel of the kingdom (9:35) as the solution to the problems of His day. On a scale of 1–10, how would you rate the church’s belief that the Kingdom is the solution? What has the church done well? not so well?
3. What are your questions, hopes, and frustrations around the race relations conversation?
4. What ways do you think the church can be a peacemaker in the race relations conversation? What things in the church might be hindrances to the church being a peacemaker?
5. Pastor Deryk observes six things Paul highlights in the reconciliation process (peacemakers like Paul, community and individuals helping the conversation, conversation between Onesimus and Philemon, listening and understanding one another, repentance and forgiveness, and God’s identity of the other person). What else do you think is needed in the conversation today?
6. Is there someone God is prompting you learn from in this race relations conversation? Is there someone you are to have a conversation with?