When it comes to Racism…

1. We are wrong about genetics.
2. We are wrong about race.
3. We are sinning.

“Racism is not a skin issue, it’s a sin issue.”
[John 4:1-6]
Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. And he had to pass through Samaria. So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

[John 4:7-9]
A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

[John 4:25-30]
The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or,
“Why are you talking with her?” So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” They went out of the town and were coming to him.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Get in the conversation.

1. Based on your upbringing and worldview, how would you define racism?
2. How have you witnessed, or experienced, racism in your life?
3. What can the Church do to reach a racially broken world?

Take it a step further.

4. Have you ever had your DNA tested? Were you surprised by the results?
5. How does the revelation about your DNA being 99.9% the same as the person next to you, make you feel?
6. What are our biggest challenges to seeing people as valuable as ourselves?

Take home.

7. What can you personally, do this week to live well in a racially broken world?