

Wave 1 HOMEWORK

Over the next six to eight months, please engage in the following assignments with your homework group.

➤ **READ *WAKING UP WHITE* BY DEBBY IRVING**

"Waking Up White is the book I wish someone had handed me decades ago. My hope is that by sharing my sometimes cringe-worthy struggle to understand racism and racial tensions, I offer a fresh perspective on bias, stereotypes, manners, and tolerance. As I unpack my own long-held beliefs about colorblindness, being a good person, and wanting to help people of color, I reveal how each of these well-intentioned mindsets actually perpetuated my ill-conceived ideas about race."

-Debbi Irving

➤ **WATCH THE MOVIE *ZOOTOPIA***

Zootopia is a film set in a city where predators and prey live together in harmony, and is constantly asking its characters to look past species stereotypes, and not use species-ist language or repeat hurtful assumptions.

"If you think about all this as an analogy for the world we live in... and then ask yourself which racial or ethnic or societal groups ... are 'predators' and which are 'prey' (for purposes of metaphor translation), you see the problem."

-Movie critic Matt Zoller Seitz

Potential Discussion Questions:

- What are some of the stereotypes that stood out to you?
- What parallels do you see between this movie and present day reality?

➤ **REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING WITH YOUR HOMEWORK GROUP:**

- *My Awkwardly Redeeming Journey With Race* by Scott Sauls
<http://qideas.org/articles/my-awkwardly-redeeming-journey-with-race/>
- *4 Misconceptions of Ethnic Specific Ministry* by Orlando Crespo
<http://mem.intervarsity.org/mem/memblog/4-misconceptions-ethnic-specific-ministry>