



WHITE PRIVILEGE: let's talk

Participant Preparation

FOR FOURTH GATHERING

Readings

Before the next gathering, please read the final two chapters of part three of the curriculum. As you read, you will notice there are reflection questions and discussion topics in the text. You are welcome to review these and journal responses to all of these, but please note that you are not required to do so. Our work in gathering four will focus on particular questions and topics. Please read on for more details.

The Cash Value of Whiteness or Whiteness as a Tax-Exempt Status

- Chapter 4: How Income and Wealth Disparities Advantage Whites
- Chapter 5: How the Medical and Health Industries Advantage Whites

Reflecting on Readings

After reading through the chapters above, give yourself some quiet time to reflect on these questions. You may choose to reflect in silent thought, process through dialogue with someone else, or use your journal as a way of recording your thoughts.

- Where and how has the cash value of whiteness affected your life and your family?
- How do you identify its effect on your education, employment, compensation and benefits, mortgage and credit, family wealth and inheritance, social networking and business connections, and/or health care?

Journaling Your Story

In between sessions, you are asked to spend time reflecting and recording stories from your own autobiography, paying particular attention to the way race has impacted your life's story.

Write a story about a time you became aware of the income level of your family and the impact it had on your life and opportunities. Looking back, what influence did your race play on your income or economic mobility? How do you imagine your experience would be different had you been a different race at that same income or economic level?

Note: These weekly writings are in preparation for the activity in gathering five. At that time, you will be combining what you've written each week and adding to the stories to form a more complete autobiography.

Engage and Explore

The readings reference and provide links to several different academic and sociological studies. Choose one or more of these studies to read thoroughly.