**Pocket Proxe Script**

**1. Introduce yourself, state your purpose, and ask permission.**I’m \_\_\_. We’re with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and we’re talking with people about racial issues and the impact of spirituality. Do you have a few minutes to talk?

**2. Invite them to talk about race issues in U.S. history.**Our past is full of lows and highs. What race-related event in our country’s history inspires you the most? Which one bothers you the most? Why?

**3. Invite them to choose a word on the front of the Pocket Proxe.**Thinking specifically about our campus, please pick a word that best describes how you feel about racial issues on our campus (Optimistic, Desiring Change, Indifferent, Tired, Hurt, Angry)

* Why did you pick that feeling?  What are one or two experiences that you have had that shape your feelings about race relations?
* What gives you hope for racial healing and justice on campus and in our country?

**4. Invite them to read the MLK quote on the front of the Pocket Proxe.**

* Why can’t darkness and hate solve our problems?
* MLK found hope in light and love. What do you think he means by that?
* You may not know this, but MLK was a Christian minister and a follower of Jesus. His spirituality and hope flowed directly from Jesus.
* Have you ever considered Jesus as a source of healing and justice?

**4. Flip over the Pocket Proxe and have them read the passage. Then, ask the questions below.**Read this story about Jesus opposing the racism and religious hypocrisy of his day.

People from all over the world came to the temple to pray and be near God, but greedy money changers put up shop right where visitors were trying to seek God.

* Why do you think this bothered Jesus so much?
* Jesus wanted to give everyone the opportunity to draw close to God. Is this how you view Jesus?
* This experience with Jesus is what fueled MLK’s faith and mission to overcome all hatred and darkness.

**5. Ask permission, and then share the gospel.**  
Can I share with you how God and Jesus bring light into darkness? *(See next page.)*

**6. Invite them to respond.**How about you? What would it take for you to let Jesus into your selfishness and trust him with your life?

**7. What now?**Here are 5 people who fought for racial justice as a result of their faith, William Wilberforce, Queen Liliʻuokalani, Cesar Chavez, Pandita Ramabai, and MLK. What is one thing you could do to start becoming more like them?

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**WORLD 2: Damaged by Evil**

Remember the first panel and the low points of our history. What does this show you about our world?

There is a ton of **brokenness** and **hate** in our world, and it comes from our own **selfishness**.

We put ourselves over others subtly and not so subtly. By putting other people down with our words and our judgments, we **hurt** ourselves and others.

**WORLD 1: Designed for Good**

This is not the world that God intended. God created the world out of his **light** and **love** for good, intending that people would live in close relationship with him and **right relationship** with each other and creation. This world where we live well with God and with others is what MLK was fighting for.

We decided that we would be better off if we took care of **ourselves** and put us as the **center of the story**, pushing away God’s goodness. This tragedy brought significant **destruction** to the love and light that God created. God is not okay with this. He still seeks **justice** and right relationship.

**WORLD 3: Restored for Better**

God would be justified to leave us in the mess we made. But God **intervened**, entering into our problems, in the person of **Jesus**.

Jesus entered a world full of racism, oppression, injustice, greed, and bitterness, to right these wrongs stemming from a world full of our selfishness. He called it out with the money changers, and he calls it out with you and me.

All of our selfishness and bitterness that blocked our relationship with God was put on Jesus on the **cross**, so that Jesus could bring **healing** and draw people back to God.

Three days later, he came back to life, giving us **hope** for our own lives and for the world.

**WORLD 4: Sent to Heal**

We have a big choice to make: To choose to follow Jesus’ **leadership** is to stop living for ourselves and to increase our **love** for others.

Part of our new identity is to **care** about and participate in the things that God does, like racial healing and justice. These people shown here (William Wilberforce, Queen Lili’uokalani, Cesar Chavez, Pandita Ramabai, and MLK), did just that.

God **sends** us out in his Spirit to bring **healing** and **hope** to the places of brokenness in the world, to become world changers!