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1. **Gain their attention.** “Have you voted on our Hope campaign?” or “Please tell us what you think about racial issues and hope on campus.”

2. **Introduce yourself, state your purpose, and ask permission.** We're with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and we want to engage with people about Ferguson and how racial issues impact both our campus and our spirituality. Would you vote on our history panel?

3. **Invite them to vote on Panel 1.** Our past is full of lows and highs. Which of these events bothers you the most, and which one inspires you the most? (*Hand them two dots to vote with.*) Why did you pick those?

4. **Introduce Panel 2.** Great, thanks. Next is our campus panel. Please vote on the word that best describes how you feel about racial issues on our campus. (Optimistic, Desiring Change, Confused, Tired, Hurt, Angry)

-Why did you pick that feeling? How are your feelings different today than they were a year ago in light of the shootings?

-What gives you hope for racial healing and justice on campus and in our country?

-Check out this MLK quote. “Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.”

- 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?

5. **Panel 3.** Check out this amazing story about when Jesus opposed the racism and religious hypocrisy of his day. (*Invite them to read the story on the panel.*)

People came from all over the world to pray in the temple and draw close to God. But these greedy money changers put up shop right where visitors were trying to seek God.

1. Why do you think this bothered Jesus so much?

2. Jesus wanted to give everyone the opportunity to draw close to God. Is this how you view Jesus?

3. This experience with Jesus is what fueled MLK's faith and mission to overcome all hatred and darkness.

6. **Share the gospel.** Can I share with you how God and Jesus bring light into darkness? (next page) →

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

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

CIRCLE 1

1. 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 MLK was fighting for.

2. 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 and put us in competition with other people, which eventually led to superiority. God is not okay with this. He still seeks **justice** and right relationship.

CIRCLE 4

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

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

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

CIRCLE 2

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

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

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

CIRCLE 3

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

2. 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 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.

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