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Jesus calls us to love people as he loves us.

Yet, without even realizing it, we can be unloving in our words and our actions...



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Shannon Jammal-Hollemans

Five tips for relating to people who live in poverty...



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The number of people living in poverty in the U.S.
and Canada has decreased over the last
fifteen years.

TRUE or FALSE?



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Five tips for relating to people who live in poverty:

- Check your assumptions
- Acknowledge hurt
- Recognize and honor the gifts of diversity
- Seek mutuality in relationships
- Use your power for the benefit of others



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Esteban Lugo

Five racial slights we should take care to avoid...



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Five racial slights we should take care to avoid:

- “Are you here through affirmative action?”
- “I don’t see color.”
- “You don’t look like you’re from here. Where are you really from?”
- “I’m not racist. I have lots of ethnic friends.”
- “Let’s not talk about race.”



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Which one of these racial slights do you personally find most offensive?



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Kate Kooyman

Gender-based remarks that can offend . . .



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Gender-based remarks that can offend:

- “Is your husband babysitting tonight?”
- “Smile! You’re too pretty to look so serious.”
- “I signed you up for nursery, and will you bring cupcakes to crafting night tonight?”
- “It wasn’t what she said, it was how she said it.”
- “God’s sons are made to worship Him.”



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**My church communicates to women that
they are full image-bearers of God.**



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Mark Stephenson

Tips for relating to people with disabilities...



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Tips for relating to people with disabilities :

- Show respect with the words you use.
(find more on the handout “People First Language”)
- If you offer to help, listen for and honor the response.
- Treat adults as adults.
- Listen, don’t assume.
- Relax and enjoy the relationship.



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Which of these five suggestions do you
find the most difficult to follow?



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Questions & Answers



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