



## Discussion Guide for “When to Speak Up”

### *Cringeworthy* Week 5

What do you do when you hear someone tell a racist joke? Speaking up is hard - it makes us all feel awkward. And it's even worse to be called out. Why don't we just keep to ourselves? Paul's confrontation with Peter in Antioch illustrates why we have to speak up: God calls us all to be one, and we can't be one until we have justice. So what does that look like?

#### **Scriptures for Further Reading**

[Galatians 2:11-14](#)

[Psalm 139](#)

[John 3:19-21](#)

[Romans 7:21-25](#)

#### **Passage for Sacred Reading:**

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Galatians 2:1-18](#).

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. What is the connection between a relationship with God (holiness) and relationships with other people (justice)? Why do you think people make a distinction between them?
2. Both Peter and Paul were raised to think Gentiles were 'unclean'. How do you think that affected their relationships with Gentiles? What do you think it took for them to change?
3. Reread Galatians 2:11-14. Why do you think Peter went to eat with the Jewish visitors? How do you think the Gentiles felt when they saw that?
4. If you had been in Paul's shoes, would you have spoken up? Why did it need to be *Paul* who spoke up, and not one of the Gentiles? Why was it important that Paul spoke up *publicly*?
5. Where are spaces it's important for us to speak up today? Why is it so hard for us to do that?
6. What does it look like for you to speak up this week?