



## Discussion Guide for “Artefacts: Monuments”

### *Faith and Race Week 1*

All systems are comprised of physical artefacts. As we begin our exploration of systemic racism in America, we investigate the Confederate monuments we're removing all over the country. How should persons of faith understand this issue, and more importantly: how does that illuminate how the artefacts in our daily lives are racialized too?

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

[Joshua 4:1-9](#)

[1 Samuel 7:5-12](#)

[Exodus 13:8-10](#)

[Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#)

#### **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 [Joshua 4:1-9](#).

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. What are some differences between framing race as a system and as a prejudice?
2. How do artefacts shape systems? What are some examples of artefacts of American culture?
3. Read Deuteronomy 6 and Exodus 13 (above). How does God encourage the incorporation of physical artefacts into daily faith? Is that how you usually think of faith?
4. Revisit the monument stories in Joshua 4 and 1 Samuel 7. Can you think of some artefacts in your own life that function similarly?
5. How should persons of faith engage these conversations about monuments in our contemporary culture?
6. What are some other artefacts of American culture that are racialized?
7. What are some artefacts in your own life that are racialized? What does it look like for you to be formed for justice?