



Discussion Guide for “Arenas: Redlining”

Faith and Race Week 2

Suburbs exist in large part because of the racialized history of American housing. How should a suburban church respond to that reality - especially as our suburban demographic is changing?

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Luke 7:36-50](#)

[Genesis 18:1-8](#)

[Luke 19:1-10](#)

[Acts 16:11-15](#)

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 [Luke 7:36-50](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Before today, how much of the history of housing in America did you know? Was anything a surprise to you?
2. What impulse is at the heart of redlining? Where do you see this impulse in our culture today?
3. Review the story of Jesus, Simon the Pharisee and the sinful woman. How did Simon use hospitality as a weapon? How did Jesus take control of the situation?
4. In the last several years, how have you seen Rowlett change demographically? How have you felt about those changes?
5. How can you resist the redlining impulse this week? What concrete action steps can you take?