

# JUSTICE ACTIVITIES

THEME: Racism: Colorblind



5+ People



15+ Minutes



Low Risk

## TITLE: TABOO-ISH

### A small to medium group activity

**Introduction:** This Taboo-based activity critiques the idea of being racially colorblind(CB). The premise is simple, "*How can we describe and honor what is in front of us if we ignore its central characteristics and experience?*" The participants will take turn playing the game over time and then will discuss how they navigated and adjusted during the game.

**Online or In-Person:** Online or in person. (*Send each participant a select group of cards if you are doing this virtually.*)

**Goal(s):** Reveal how the idea of being racially colorblind undermines the real experiences and identity of people of color.

#### Materials:

- Link to Taboo words: [\\*Click here](#) (print or show via slide-show)

#### Expectations:

- No card/object can be skipped. The taboo words cannot be used.
- A timer is set for one minute for each participant to get through as many cards as possible.
- Discussion occurs afterwards defining [\\*Racial Colorblindness](#) and comparing the game to real-life experiences.

**Leader Notes:** Spending time on expectations is important for this activity.

**Post-discussion is key to this activity.** Talking points:

- Colorblindness ignores lived-experience
- CB reduces a person's identity
- CB negates difficult conversations;
- CB only benefits those in charge/in power;
- CB makes discussions harder to navigate not easier.

**Extra Resource:** [\\*Why 'colorblindness' is not the right approach to race](#)

**Biblical Text(s):** [\\*Psalm 139:15-16](#) (Key Takeaway: *God sees us as we are, how then should we approach others?*)