

April 18 @ 12:30 PM - The Lenses We See Through - All of us see the world and other people through cultural “filters”. These filters are based on our social and cultural background and experiences. This happens whether we are aware of it or not - it is a universal social reality, how all humans function in and make sense of society. These cultural filters can create challenges for our relationships with others, especially those whose social and cultural reality differs from ours. The people in Jesus’ day were not immune to this. There are many examples all throughout the Bible. In our Peace Dialogues this month, we will examine how Jesus teaches a different way of seeing others, through filters of faith, and how these “faith filters” can allow us to create bridges to deeper understanding, compassion, and community.

Going Deeper: Here are some resources to help understand our cultural assumptions:

- “Brown Eyes Blue Eyes” - Jane Elliot’s experiment on racism with class of 3rd graders (1968) (6:51) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dLAI78hluFc>
- “Kitbull” - Animated short film by Pixar depicting evolving relationship between a cat and a dog (from fear/mistrust to affection/companionship) <https://youtu.be/AZS5cgybKcl>