



Assume Positive Intent

Education through Participation

Ebony & Ivory

- 43 year friendship
- High school basketball teammates
- Moderate vs. Conservative Political views
- The obvious-
- We communicate truthfully-We counsel, we don't judge
- We have a deep level of love and respect for each other and our opinions

Objective

- Engage in an interactive informal discussion about diversity topics
- To highlight why communication is key to breaking down the walls that separate us
- Participants to develop a relationship outside their comfort zone

Ground Rules:

- This session is Judgement Free
- Respect each others right to express their point of view
- As the title of the session suggest, “ Assume Positive Intent”

Young Boy & The Starfish

“Like the young boy in the story, our goal today is to follow a very simple approach to make a difference”.

Assume Positive Intent

Stand if you have people in your life that you love, or care for?

- Children
- Parents
- Friends
- Spouse or significant other

Assume Positive Intent

As a country we're being divided by who we choose to vote for and even worst, by our religion and the color of our skin. Why?

- We judge based on limited/no information about others point of view
- We look at each other from a myopic lens (My way or the highway)
 - What happen to agreeing to disagree?
 - Is it a debate or war?

Each of us have a story that forms/impacts/creates our worldview

“Don’t separate yourself from people because of what they look like on the outside, separate yourself only if their character dictates”

Source: Walter Summers, My Dad

Audience Participation Questions

- In your opinion, is racism a taught behavior?
- All lives matter, why start a movement specific to Black lives only?
- What you and the doctor thoughts on kneeling for the National Anthem?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=12-7X0AtXGU>

Audience Participation Questions

- What's your perception of police and law enforcement as it relates to racism? Sterling Brown, professional athlete
- Why a Miss Black University of Georgia contest?
 - Historically Black Universities & College's

Audience Participation Questions

- What's your definition of White Privilege and how could it be used to help or hurt race relations?
- Have you ever faced or witnessed prejudice or discrimination?
 - Describe what happened.
 - How did impact you?

Things to Ponder

- In healthcare we constantly encounter people and families at their most vulnerable.
- The Golden Rule—Matthew 7:12
- “So in every thing, do to others what you would have them do to you.

Thinks to ponder

- We have choices every day-especially the choice of how we treat people.
- Our attitude, effort, and daily choices matter.
- Each of us have a Legacy--what will mine be?



What if we could only process images as seen
in this example?

Man In the Mirror

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PivWY9wn5ps>

Source: YouTube.com



Thank You!!!

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