

BRIDGING DIVIDES

ENCOURAGING DIALOGUE WITH RADICAL EMPATHY

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

I. What is your overall response to Dr. Givens' presentation? What elements stood out to you? What did her talk move you to reflect upon? What thoughts/feelings have come up for you?

II. Dr. Givens advocates for people to engage in vulnerable sharing and empathic listening about their experiences with race and racism as a first step toward bridging divides. What personal story would you be comfortable sharing about experiences with racism? How do you feel about the process of radical empathy that Dr. Givens describes?

III. Dr. Givens writes about the importance of moving from the foundation established through sharing and listening to working to make fundamental changes around issues of race and racism in our country. What do you think the U.S. most needs to do in order to create racial equity?

