## How Can We Make a Difference?

1. **Intentionality**: We must be deliberate in fostering diversity and inclusion within our churches.

2. **Education**: Rise awareness of racial justice issues and challenge unconscious biases.

3. **Collaboration**: Partner with other churches and faith groups to promote inclusivity.

4. **Awareness Events**: Mark key events like Black History Month and Race Equality Week to foster dialogue and understanding.

5. **Addressing Community Needs**: Respond to the practical needs of our communities, tackling issues like poverty and inequality

## Questions to Consider:

1. How does the biblical foundation of equality and unity in Christ influence our understanding of diversity and inclusion within the church?

2. In what ways does the demographic makeup of Bedford exemplify the diversity present within our communities and churches?

3. Which of the practical steps (above) for promoting diversity and inclusion within church communities, can you take?

4. How can churches effectively partner with other faith groups and organisations to foster greater inclusivity and diversity?

5. How can churches address practical needs such as poverty and inequality as part of their commitment to diversity and inclusion?

6. What are some potential barriers to achieving diversity and inclusion within church communities, and how can these barriers be addressed?