Racial Equity Storytelling Prompts

The selection of story prompts and their order will have a dynamic effect upon the conversation. You may, of course, create your own story prompts customized to your audience, or you may use the prompts provided here. These prompts are specifically selected to allow for conversations about race, identity, intersectionality, and equity.

We recommend you begin your story circle with 3 prompts, ideally selecting one prompt from each category: planting, nurturing, and cultivating. Encourage participants to share one personal story inspired by any of the selected prompts.

**Warm Up Prompts:**
(participants answer with 1 or 2 sentences, used for practice)

- What inspires hope in you?
- What does community mean to you?

**Planting the seeds:**

- Share a story about a moment or experience that fundamentally impacted the way you look at the world.
- Share a story about your earliest memory of facing or coming in contact with discrimination.

**Nurturing Conversation:**

- Share a story about what makes you feel secure or insecure in your daily life.
- Share a story about a time when you realized your thoughts/beliefs were different from your parents/community.

**Cultivating Prompt:**

- Share a story about a time when you felt community.
- Share a story about a time when your differences were your strength (or weakness).
- Share a story about a time you felt seen or heard.