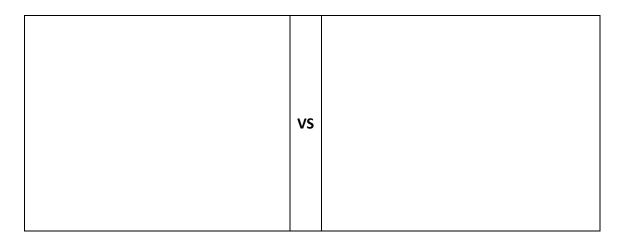


## WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Our culture has a tendency to frame conflict using US vs. THEM language. Reflect on the US vs. THEM language you have heard (or used) over the last few months. Write down the conflicts that come to mind using the table below.



Circle the group(s) of people you tend to identify with the most. Underline the group(s) you identify with least.

**Read John 4:1-42**. What US vs. THEM thinking can you find in this story? How did Jesus **see, immerse, contend** and **restore** in this passage?

## WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21.** Reflect on the last conflict you found yourself in-- were you seeking healing or to be right? How do you know?

Are there people who struggle to see the humanity in you? How does that affect the way they treat you? How does the way they treat you make you feel?

## WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

**Read James 1:19.** Are there perspectives that you find difficult to listen to with curiosity? What would it look like for you to listen longer than is comfortable?

Take a look at the table you created earlier. How is God calling you to **see, immerse, contend** and **restore** in the midst of these conflicts?

Where have you seen restoration in your Life Group? In your greater community? How can you become better at seeing and celebrating restoration in your life?