



## Recommended Reading/Viewing List Race & Racism

The following is a list of useful resources compiled by the Board of Laity and the Anti- Racism Task Force to help us better understand the social construct called “race” which causes many of us to think differently (negatively and positively) about other human beings based on the color of their skin. As followers of Jesus, we encourage you to read, watch, study, and discuss these resources individually or in groups with prayerful self- reflection.

This is not intended to be a complete list. As such, we encourage you to take advantage of these and other useful resources that you may find to help you live out the conviction that racism is incompatible with Christian teaching.

### BOOKS

- *A Black Theology of Liberation*, James Cone
- *A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America*, Ronald Takaki
- *A Theology of Liberation*, Gustavo Gutierrez
- *Barracoon*, Zora Neale Hurston
- *Between the World and Me*, Ta-Nehisi Coates
- *How to be an Antiracist*, Ibram X. Kendi
- *I am not your Negro*, James Baldwin
- *Jesus and the Disinherited*, Howard Thurman
- *Just Mercy*, Bryan Stevenson
- *Notes of a Native Son*, James Baldwin
- *Raising White Kids*, Dr. Jennifer Harvey
- *So You Want to Talk About Race*, Ijeoma Oluo
- *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*, Ibram X. Kendi
- *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America*, Michael Eric Dyson
- *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*, Richard Rothstein
- *The New Jim Crow*, Michelle Alexander
- *The Other Wes Moore*, Wes Moore
- *The Warmth of Other Suns*, Isabel Wilkerson
- *Understanding & Dismantling Racism*, Joseph Barndt
- *Waking up White*, Debby Irving
- *White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, Robin DiAngelo / study guide available at [http://beacon.org/assets/pdfs/DiAngelo- EducatorsProfDevGuide.pdf](http://beacon.org/assets/pdfs/DiAngelo-EducatorsProfDevGuide.pdf)
- *White Rage*, Carol Anderson
- *Why are All the Black Children Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race*, Beverly Daniel Tatum
- *Witnessing Whiteness: The Need to Talk about Race and How to Do It*, Shelly Tochluk



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## ARTICLES/BLOGS

- [Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack](#) by Peggy Macintosh
- ["What I Said When My White Friend Asked for My Black Opinion on White Privilege"](#) by Lori Lakin Hutcherson
- The New York Times, The 1619 Project, Nikole Hannah-Jones
- [Rev. Karyn Carlo, https://karyncarlo.net/](https://karyncarlo.net/)

## MOVIES/PODCASTS

- *I Am Not Your Negro*, James Baldwin
- [Seeing White Podcast, http://www.sceneonradio.org/seeing-white/](http://www.sceneonradio.org/seeing-white/)
- *The Hate U Give*, George Tillman Jr.
- *The Long Shadow*, Frances Causey
- *Thirteenth*, Ava DuVernay
- [Uncivil Podcast, https://gimletmedia.com/shows/uncivil](https://gimletmedia.com/shows/uncivil)

## VIDEOS

- Implicit Bias, <https://www.pbs.org/video/pov-implicit-bias-peanut-butter-jelly-and-racism>
- [Introduction to The Equal Justice Initiative](#) – organization that built The Legacy Museum and Memorial
- [NBC News Segment with Lester Holt and Bryan Stevenson](#)
- Michael Eric Dyson's ["Take on White Privilege and the American Amnesia Over Race"](#) from PBS Brief But Spectacular series
- [White Privilege 101 https://media.andover.edu/media/t/1\\_4je23l7w/21929341](https://media.andover.edu/media/t/1_4je23l7w/21929341)
- Video of [New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu's address on removal of confederate monuments](#), Friday, May 19, 2017
  - Or [Transcript of Mayor Landrieu's speech: https://thepulsepensacola.com/2017/05/transcript-of-new-orleans-mayor-landrieus-address-on-confederate-monuments/](https://thepulsepensacola.com/2017/05/transcript-of-new-orleans-mayor-landrieus-address-on-confederate-monuments/)
- NPR Code Switch: Race and Identity Remixed <https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/>
- Netflix series *Explained*, The first episode is on "The Racial Wealth Gap"
- TEDtalks:
  - Bryan Stevenson on ["We Need to Talk About an Injustice"](#)
  - David Williams on "How Racism Makes Us Sick"
  - Michael Murphy on "Architecture That's Built to Heal"



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### OTHER SOURCES:

The General Commission on Religion and Race ([gcorr.org](http://gcorr.org)) has a multitude of resources available to learn about race and racism as well as for starting the discussion in the local church.

We would suggest local churches begin the discussion on racism with two short videos that have discussion questions that go along with the video. They are:

- Meaningful Conversations About Race, Featuring Rev. Dr. Hooker
- Deconstructing White Privilege with Dr. Robin DiAngelo

These can be found on the General Commission on Religion and Race's website. The homepage has a pull down menu labeled Resource. Click on that and go to video series. Here click on Vital Conversations 1 and you will find the resources listed.

We would also suggest reading "10 Ways to Become More Faithful than Post-Racial" on the GCORR Resources page.

Two of our panelists were college professors. From work in their classrooms, they suggest using the following questions to begin discussions on race and racism.

"If you could choose the family you were born into, would you have chosen yours?" This question challenges us to think about our beginnings: our race, ethnicity, culture, gender, socioeconomic status. We don't get to choose those qualities and no one else does either. We have no idea of all the factors that made someone who they are, and we should not judge others - plain and simple." **Rebecca Fraley**

"What do you most want to know about racism and/or being anti-racist?"

What do you feel you know MOST about, or LEAST about race and racism?"

What do you FEAR most, or have most HOPE for stopping racism? What personal experience most HELPS or most HURTS your ability to understand racism or being anti-racist?" **Richard Guzman**

[Implicit Association Test](https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/user/agg/blindspot/indexrk.htm) – a measure of unconscious bias toward race  
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