

RACE. JUSTICE. EQUALITY.

We at Fullerton Free believe that every human being is an image bearer of God Himself. We believe that God loves justice, and has commanded us to stand with Him in addressing injustice as we meet it. We believe that God loves mercy, and that we should care deeply whenever someone, anyone, in our community is suffering. We believe that God loves righteousness, and that there is an expectation that our own lives would be transformed by the work of the Holy Spirit in how we might change our thoughts and behavior.

It is our hope to provide a range of perspectives on the issues of racism, privilege, justice and systemic problems both culturally and within Fullerton Free. We encourage you to read, watch, listen, pray and reflect on what you might learn. Offering a range of perspectives means that there are resources listed here that you may not agree with; there are resources here we don't agree with.

We will tell you that the Bible should inform and direct your reading, rather than the other way around. The books (and other information) on these lists are not, and should not be, our canon for how we think about any issue.

Still, we encourage you to:

- Read outside your comfort zone.
- Read to learn and understand.
- Read to stir your heart.
- Read because we are commanded to love our neighbor.

We may think everything is “okay” from our perspective, but if our neighbor is struggling, then the least we can do is endeavor to understand where they are coming from and what they may be feeling. The best we can do is to come alongside them and fight against injustice and hatred; all while remaining firmly rooted in biblical truth and sound theology.

What follows is a list of books, articles, videos, podcasts, movies, links and even a few online classes. We encourage you to begin with the end in mind: that you want to learn and understand and, if the Lord desires to change your heart or perspective, that you would be open to what He might do in your life.

We would hope that you might be looking for tangible next steps to answer the questions: “What can I do?” and “What should I do?”

Finally, rather than elevating any of the resources, they are listed either alphabetically, or by length.

Biblical Passages to Study and Ponder:

[But I Wasn't There](#) Josh Fenska

[Christian Reflection on Racism](#) Baylor University

[Issues of Race in Scripture](#) John Piper

[The Bible and Racism](#) Frank Yamada

[What does the Bible say about racism?](#) Jim Denison

A Useful Glossary:

Anyone who has attempted to stay up with the ever-changing issue of racial tensions in our country recognizes the language and definitions are constantly shifting. Below is a quick attempt to help understand what is meant by certain words, terms and phrases. We certainly do not agree with all the definitions, but many were taken from the authors who use the terms.

[An Antiracism Glossary](#) by Neil Shenvi (Evangelical perspective)

[On Online Glossary](#) by Racial Equity Tools (Secular perspective)

[Black Lives Matter Vocabulary I](#) Flash cards

[Black Lives Matter Vocabulary II](#) Flash cards

Books (Most of these titles are available in the FF Church Library)

Bloodlines by John Piper

Discrimination and Disparities by Thomas Sowell

Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America by Michael O. Emerson

Dream With Me: Race, Love, and the Struggle We Must Win by Dr. John Perkins

False Black Power by Jason Riley

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

Let Justice Roll Down by Dr. John Perkins

One Blood by Dr. John Perkins

Roadmap to Reconciliation by Brenda Salter McNeil

The Color of Compromise by Jemar Tisby

The Color of Law by Richard Rothstein

The Cross-shaped Gospel: Reconciling Heaven and Earth by Bryan Loritts

The Sun Does Shine by Anthony Ray Hinton

White Awake by Daniel Hill

White Guilt by Shelby Steele

Why are All the Black Kids Sitting Together by Beverly Daniel Tatum

[Free eBook: Making Sense of Social Justice](#) by Kevin DeYoung

Books that the rest of the world is reading:

Be the Bridge, by Latasha Morrison

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

How to be Anti-Racist by Ibram X. Kendi

Stamped from the Beginning by Ibram X. Kendi

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander

White Fragility by Robin Diangelo

Why I am No Longer Talking to White People by Reni Eddo-Lodge

Other Organizations' Recommended Reading Lists:

[The Gospel Coalition](#)

[Azusa Pacific University](#)

[Biola University](#)

[Missio Alliance](#)

[NPR](#)

[NY Times](#)

Articles/Blogs:

[A Christian Response to Racism in the Year of Coronavirus](#) Allen Yeh, Intercultural Studies & Missiology, Biola

[A Few Words About Justice](#) Darrell B. Harrison, Dean of Social Media at Grace to You

[Asked to Explain White Privilege](#) Lori Lakin Hutcherson

[Dehumanizing Starts with Language](#) Brene Brown

[Don't Ignore It: 5 Ways Christians and Churches Must Engage Michael Brown's Death](#) Eugene Cho, Sojourners

[Jesus Is Not Colorblind](#) Cole Brown, Gospel Coalition

[George Floyd and Me](#) Shai Linne, Gospel Coalition

[Officer-involved Shootings Study](#) Univ of Maryland, Univ of Michigan, UC Berkeley

[Once Again, Racism Necessitates a Response](#) Kevin Kompelien, EFCA

[Racial Injustice and Our Commitment to Action](#) Barry Corey, Biola University

[Should Christians Support Removal of Confederate Memorials](#) Joe Carter, Gospel Coalition

[Succeeding Together Across Racial Lines](#) Tony Evans, pastor

Videos/TED Talks

[Why Diversity is a Value](#) Biola University (4 minutes)

[One Thing White Evangelicals Should Understand About Racial Reconciliation](#) Thabiti Anyabwile (4 minutes)

[Orange County Police Chiefs and Sheriffs](#) (4 minutes)

[Justice](#) The Bible Project (7 minutes)

[The Church Cannot Be Silent Anymore](#) Kirk Franklin and Tony Evans (17 minutes)

[Race in America](#) Phil Vischer, Veggie Tales (18 minutes)

[On Being Wrong | TED Talk](#) Kathryn Schulz (18 minutes)

[The Danger of a Single Story TED Talk](#) Chimamanda Adichie (18 minutes)

[Is there Racism in the Church today?](#) Tony Evans (24 minutes)
[Racism and Corporate Evil: A White Guy's Perspective](#) Tim Keller (26 minutes)
[The "All or Nothing" Question](#) Roland Warren (33 minutes)
[A Conversation on Race, Justice, and Inequality](#) Erwin McManus (44 minutes)
[The Gospel & Race: Reconciliation Costs Comfort](#) Eugene Cho (48 minutes)
[Racial Reconciliation - Ephesians 2:10-11](#) Dr. Voddie Baucham (54 minutes)
[Panel on Understanding Race and Reconciliation in the USA](#) Acts 29 Network (82 minutes)
[Conversation with Carl Lentz and T.D. Jakes](#) (88 minutes)

Podcasts

[Can the Church Lead on Race Relations? Atlanta Christians Think So.](#) Morgan Lee, Christianity Today (55 mins)
[George Floyd and the Gospel – Just Thinking Podcast](#) Darrell Harrison (74 minutes)
[Nationalism, Race, and What Jonah Misunderstood About Grace](#) Tim Keller (25 minutes)
[Racial Reconciliation? – Just Thinking Podcast](#) Darrell Harrison (101 minutes)
[The Gospel and Race](#) Reality San Francisco (Three talks, appx. 45 minutes each)
[1619](#) New York Times (series)

Movies (Consider watching with a small group of people, then discussing afterward.)

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Just Mercy

LA 92

Selma

The Color of Compromise

Twelve Years a Slave

Links (More resources)

[Race](#) The Gospel Coalition

[Topics – Neil Shenvi – Apologetics](#) Neil Shenvi

[A Post from the Criminal Justice Department](#) Azusa Pacific

[Diversity Resource Guide](#) Seattle Pacific University

Online classes (Secular perspectives)

[Online classes about racism](#)

[The Civil War and the Reconstruction Era](#) Yale University

[American Prophet: Life and Vision of Martin Luther King](#) Stanford University

[Justice](#) Harvard University