

Resource Page on Systemic Racism in America

This page is for us to listen, learn, and lament. **This is not an exhaustive list**, but some good places to *start*.

Remember, everything you read, watch, digest, should **always be compared to the lens of Scripture and the revelation of God through Jesus Christ (the gospel)**. Like all books, there are always some things in them I wouldn't fully agree with, but it does provide better understanding in current conversations. I've tried to add some personal notes if applicable on any of these resources. If there are other books, articles, videos, films, or podcasts you would recommend, please send them to mike@newgroundchurch.org:

BOOKS:

*Links to books go to Amazon, but feel free to peruse wherever you get books

- **White Fragility: Why It's So Hard to Talk to White People About Racism** by Dr. Robin DiAngelo. You can also read an article [here](#). *Note: I give this resource again to listen, but also continue to examine these ideas in light of Scripture. This book is a great text on understanding the basics of "critical theory." I think we should pay attention to power structures that dehumanize people, we need to continue to examine it in the lens of Scripture and be mindful of where some of these reasonings may lead. Especially in regards to the idol of "identity" we discussed in our dialogue series. [This article is also helpful in understanding this posture](#).
- **The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in an Age of Colorblindness** by Michelle Alexander
- **How To Be An Anti-Racist** by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi
- **Citizen: An American Lyric** by Claudia Rankine
- **Between the World and Me** by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- **The Color Purple** by Alice Walker
- **Men We Reaped** by Jesmyn Ward
- **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings** by Maya Angelou
- **Just Mercy** by Bryan Stevenson

ARTICLES:

- **"America's Racial Contract Is Killing Us"** by Adam Serwer | Atlantic (May 8, 2020)
- **Ella Baker and the Black Freedom Movement (Mentoring a New Generation of Activists)**
- **"My Life as an Undocumented Immigrant"** by Jose Antonio Vargas | NYT Mag (June 22, 2011)
- **The 1619 Project (all the articles)** | The New York Times Magazine
- **The Combahee River Collective Statement**

- **"The Intersectionality Wars"** by Jane Coaston | Vox (May 28, 2019)
- **Tips for Creating Effective White Caucus Groups developed by Craig Elliott PhD**
- **"Where do I donate? Why is the uprising violent? Should I go protest?"** by Courtney Martin (June 1, 2020)
- **"White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack"** by Knapsack Peggy McIntosh
- **"Who Gets to Be Afraid in America?"** by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi | Atlantic (May 12, 2020)

PODCASTS:

- **1619** (New York Times)
- **About Race**
- **Code Switch** (NPR)
- **Intersectionality Matters!** hosted by Kimberlé Crenshaw
- **Momentum: A Race Forward Podcast**
- **Pod For The Cause** from The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights
- **Pod Save the People** (Crooked Media)
- **Seeing White**

FILMS/VIDEOS/TV SERIES:

- **13th** (Ava DuVernay)
- **American Son** (Kenny Leon)
- **Dear White People** (Justin Simien)
- **See You Yesterday** (Stefon Bristol)
- **Selma** (Ava DuVernay)
- **When They See Us** (Ava DuVernay)
- **Just Mercy** (Destin Daniel Cretton) *free in June
- **If Beale Street Could Talk** (Barry Jenkins), currently on Hulu
- **"How Studying Privilege Systems Can Strengthen Compassion"** | Peggy McIntosh at TEDxTimberlaneSchools (18:26)
- **"Uncomfortable Conversations with A Black Man"** (Emmanuel Acho)