

GC|RH RACIAL JUSTICE SMALL GROUPS **STUDY RESOURCES**

The following resources are meant to spark conversation. While the GC|RH racial justice steering group members do not necessarily endorse or agree with everything in this list of resources, this list has been vetted by the steering group members, two other members of Grace Church, as well as an outside consultant. We hope the resources you choose will help spark meaningful and fruitful conversations!

For each group of sessions (1 - 3, 4 - 6, 7 - 9), choose *one* book per group of sessions OR one of the other resources for each of the three sessions. Small groups have the freedom to choose from this list of resources. For example: Sessions 1, 2 & 3 will all be on Racism in Society. One small group may choose to read the book, *Between the World and Me*, breaking it up in three parts. Another small group may choose to read and discuss the article, "A History of White Delusion" for session 1, to view and discuss the film "13th" for session 2, and to visit and discuss the American Civil War Museum in Richmond for session 3.

Sessions 1 - 3: Racism in Society

Books

[*Just Mercy*](#) by Bryan Stevenson

[*Between the World and Me*](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates

[*Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?*](#) By Beverly Tatum

[*Dreams of My Father*](#) by Barack Obama

Articles

["A History of White Delusion"](#) by Nicholas Kristof for *New York Times* (14 July 2016)

["Paying Attention to White Culture and Privilege"](#) by Gita Gulati-Partee and Maggie Potapchuk

["The New Jim Crow"](#) by Michelle Alexander for *The Nation* (9 March 2010)

Groups may choose to pair the following two articles and/or podcasts

- ["Segregation Now: The Resegregation of America's Schools"](#) by Nikole Hannah Jones
- ["The Problem We All Live With" Part One & Part Two](#) (*This American Life* podcast)
- ["Living Apart"](#) by Nikole Hannah-Jones
- ["House Rules"](#) (*This American Life* podcast)

Films

[13th](#), documentary on racial inequality in criminal justice system (Netflix)

Field trips

[American Civil War Museum](#) (Richmond, VA)

[Self-guided historic Charlottesville African American walking tour](#), The Jefferson School African American Heritage Center

Charlottesville-specific

[“Why Richard Spencer Matters”](#) by Jamelle Bouie for Slate (22 May 2017)

[“Moments of Rupture”](#) by Eileen Johnson for The Politic (12 April 2017)

[“Tools of Displacement”](#) by Sophie Abramowitz, Eva Lattner, and Gillet Roseblith for *Slate* (23 June 2017)

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Sessions 4 - 6: Racism in the Church

Books

[*Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*](#) by Drew G.I. Hart

[*Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation*](#) by Jennifer Harvey

[*Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America*](#) by Michael Eric Dyson

Articles

[UCC White Privilege Curriculum, Part 2, Chapter 4: “The White Jesus”](#)

[UCC White Privilege Curriculum, Part 2, Chapter 5: “Lightness and Darkness as Experienced in the Genealogy and Liturgy of the Church”](#)

[“Breaking the Body of Christ: The Sacraments of Initiation in a Habitat of White Supremacy”](#) by Katie M. Grimes in *Political Theology*

Reflections from [Resipiscence: A Lenten Devotional for Dismantling White Supremacy](#) edited by Vahisha Hasan & Nichola Torbett (available as PDF; ask Bekah Menning)

Fifth week – John 12:25, “White Folk, Are We Brave Enough?”

Sixth week – Mark 11:1-11, “Usurping God: Whiteness and the Challenge of the Cross”

Other

[“Becoming Beloved Community: The Episcopal Church’s Long-Term Commitment to Racial Healing, Reconciliation and Justice”](#)

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Sessions 7 - 9: Racism in Me / Individual Racism

Books

[*White Awake: An Honest Look at What It Means to be White*](#) by Daniel Hill

[*Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*](#) by Debby Irving

[*White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son*](#) by Tim Wise

Articles

[“White Fragility”](#) resources from Robin DiAngelo

[“Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack: White Privilege and Male Privilege”](#) by Peggy McIntosh

[UCC White Privilege Curriculum, Part 2, Chapter 1: “Whiteness as the Norm: Reflections on How This is Evidence and Experienced in America”](#)

Films

[I'm Not Racist... Am I?](#)

[The Color of Fear](#) (UVa library)

[Race: The Power of an Illusion](#) (UVa library)

Other

[“The Culture Inside”](#) (*Invisibilia* podcast; investigates racism and *implicit bias* – stereotypes and attitudes that subconsciously shape our behavior towards people of color)

[“Moving from Actor to Ally to Accomplice”](#)

Resources for Further Study & Reflection

Racism in Society

Books:

[The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness](#) by Michelle Alexander
[Understanding and Dismantling Racism: The Twenty-first Century Challenge to White America](#)

by Joseph Barndt

[We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy](#) by Ta-Nehisi Coates

[The Souls of Black Folk](#) by W.E.B. DuBois

[Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America](#) by Ibram X.

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[So You Want to Talk About Race](#) by Ijeoma Oluo

[Urban Renewal and the End of Black Culture in Charlottesville](#) by James Robert Saunders and Renae Nadine Shackelford

[The Fire This Time: A New Generation Speaks About Race](#) by Jesmyn Ward

[The Radical King by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.](#), edited and introduced by Cornel West

[A People's History of the United States](#) by Howard Zinn

Film:

[Roots](#), miniseries based on the novel by Alex Haley

[That World is Gone: Race and Displacement in a Southern Town](#), documentary on the destruction of Vinegar Hill, an African American neighborhood in Charlottesville

[The Hate U Give](#), film based on the YA novel by Angie Thomas (Amazon)

[Just Mercy](#), film based on civil rights lawyer Bryan Stevenson (Amazon)

[Becoming](#), documentary following Michelle Obama's book tour (Netflix)

[Selma](#), historical drama based on the 1965 voting rights marches from Selma to Montgomery (Netflix)

[When They See Us](#), miniseries based on the true story of five teens falsely accused of an attack in Central Park (Netflix)

Audio

[“The Racial Awareness Rubik,”](#) Dharma talk by Ruth King

Clear and kind exploration of racial perceptions through a Buddhist lens. Particularly appealing to those with a meditation practice.

Other:

[“The Charlottesville Syllabus”](#) resources from UVa Graduate Student Coalition for Liberation

[“White Supremacy and African-American Resistance in Charlottesville, Virginia, 1900-1925”](#)
(database)

[“Race & Place: An African-American Community in the Jim Crow”](#) (database)

Racism in the Church

[The Cross and the Lynching Tree](#) by James H. Cone

[Black Theology and Black Power](#) by James H. Cone

[I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness](#) by Austin Channing Brown

[America’s Original Sin](#) by Jim Wallis

[Reconstructing the Gospel: Finding Freedom from Slaveholder Religion](#) by Rev. Dr. William Barber and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove

[“For What are Whites to Hope?”](#) by Vincent Lloyd for *Political Theology*

Racism in me / individual racism

Books:

[Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America](#) by Jennifer Harvey

[Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice](#) by Paul Kivel

Articles:

[“Anti-Racist Influence \(and safety\) in Our Social Circles”](#)

[“‘We Need Co-conspirators, not Allies’: How White Americans Can Fight Racism”](#) *The Guardian*
(26 June 2015)

[“The Day I Discovered I Was a Racist”](#) *Daily Kos* (10 July 2016)

[“Why I’m a Racist”](#) *Huffington Post* (15 July 2016)