

RESOURCES FOR REDEMPITIVE LIVING

As followers of Jesus, there are things we can do to act redemptively amidst the swirling debates and difficulties around issues of race-relations, justice, and the peace of our communities. We can make our PLEA to God for his transforming work in us and through us. The word “PLEA” is a helpful memory device. It can remind us to Pray to God, Learn even more, Engage with others, and Acknowledge what God reveals to us.

On the learning front, if you are interested in pursuing a deeper personal understanding of the history, dynamics, and factors underlying some of our current events and struggles, the following resources may be helpful. Christ Church does not endorse every point of view here. Some materials include coarse language or positions which must be balanced with additional values. These resources are simply intended to spark thought and conversation.

As you come across useful materials in your own travels, let us know and perhaps we can recommend them here.

BOOKS

- Arshay Cooper, [*A Most Beautiful Thing*](#)
- J.D. Vance, [*Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*](#)
- Daniel Hill, [*White Awake: An Honest Look at What It Means to be White*](#)
- David O Anderson, [*Gracism: The Art of Inclusion*](#)
- Michelle Alexander, [*The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*](#)
- Beverly Tatum, [*Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?*](#)
- John Piper, [*Bloodlines: Race, Cross & the Christian*](#)
- Howard Zinn, [*A People's History of the United States*](#)
- Stone, Patton, Heen, [*Difficult Conversations: How to Discuss What Matters Most*](#)

POPULAR MOVIES

- [*12 Years a Slave*](#) (2013)
- [*The Banker*](#) (2020)
- [*Just Mercy*](#) (2019)
- [*If Beale Street Could Talk*](#) (2018)
- [*The Hate U Give*](#) (2018)
- [*Fences*](#) (2016)
- [*Selma*](#) (2014)
- [*Fruitvale Station*](#) (2013)
- [*The Great Debaters*](#) (2007)
- [*Harriet*](#) (2019)

NOTE: These films are available on Netflix and/or other streaming services

VIDEOS & DOCUMENTARIES

- [*I Am Not Your Negro*](#) (available on Amazon & Apple TV)

- [T.D. Jakes & Charles Jenkins Conversation](#) (available on YouTube)
- [The 13th](#) (available through Netflix)
- [The African Americans](#) (2013 mini-series)
- The Central Park Five
- The House I Live In
- Love Does (by Bob Goff) – available through [RightNowMedia](#)
- Oneness Embrace (by Tony Evans) – available through [RightNowMedia](#)
- Gospel Reflections from the Mountaintop – available through [RightNowMedia](#)
- Race, Justice and the Church – available through [RightNowMedia](#)

NOTE: If you are not already a member of [RightNowMedia](#) (a Netflix for Christians), contact Diana Stout at dstout@ChristChurch.us for a user code.

PASTORAL MESSAGES & SERMONS

- [This Human Race](#)
- [How Do I Respond?: Following Jesus in a Time of Turmoil](#)
- [Dinner with Strangers](#) (Gracism Part 1)
- [The Martian in the Ditch](#) (Gracism Part 2)
- [For the Sake of Others](#) (Gracism Part 3)
- [Cross Over](#)

SMALL GROUP OR PERSONAL STUDY

- [16 Bridge Building Tips](#)
- BTB101 – available through [BeTheBridge.com](#)
- 12 Neighbors – available through [RightNowMedia](#) or [12neighbors.org](#)
- Everybody Always – available through [RightNowMedia](#)
- [Gracism: The Art of Inclusion](#) Book Discussion Series – available at media.christchurch.us
Download the supplementary [PLEA Worksheet](#)

FAMILY RESOURCES

- [Interview with Miss Phyllis](#)
- [Student Ministry Learn | Listen | Lament](#)
- [Discussion Sheets for Early Childhood and Elementary](#)