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# PRAYER & ACTION GOALS

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**EQUIP:** Get equipped to share my joy more confidently with others by learning about the most challenging questions of our day and age.

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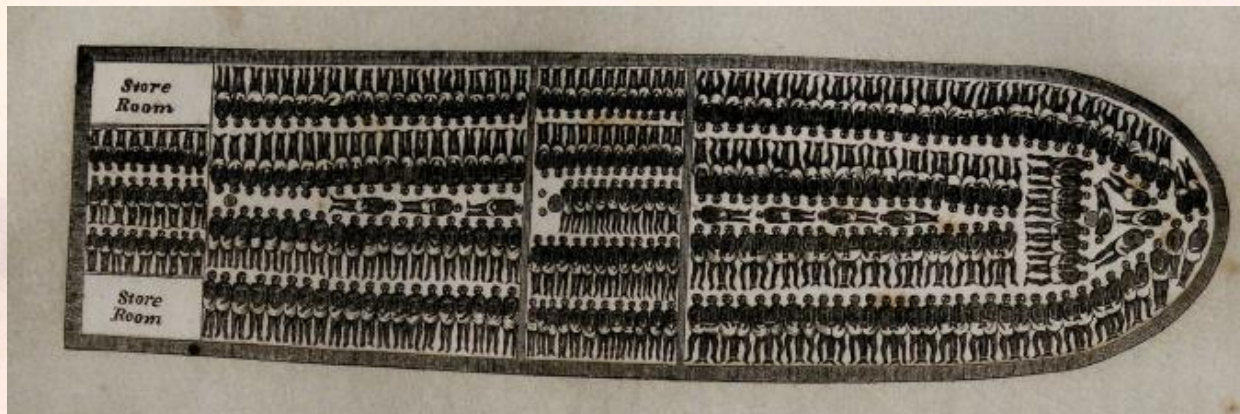


# The Good News About... Ethnicity and Race





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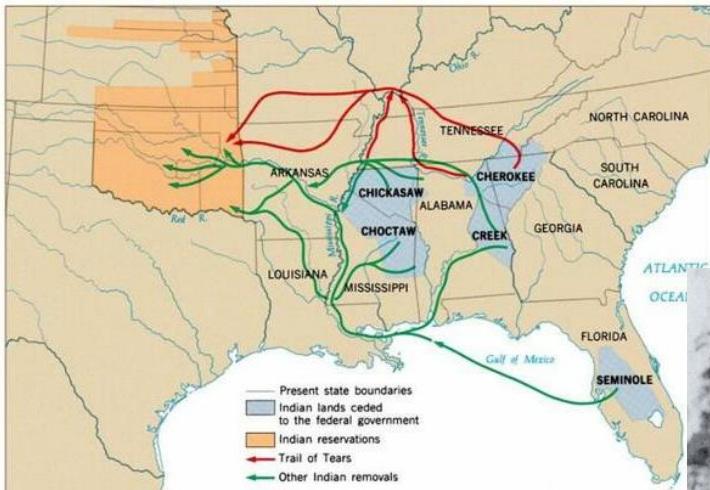


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# The Bad News About... Ethnicity and Race in America

## Indian Removal Act 1830



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## Existing Disparities:

- The mortality rate when giving birth for black women is three times higher than that of White or Hispanic women.  
(Centers of Disease Control and Prevention)
- The average life expectancy for those who are White is 5.3 years longer than for those who are Black.  
(National Center for Health Statistics)
- In 2018 the High School graduation rate for those who are White was 89% while it was 81% for those who are Hispanic and 79% for those who are Black.  
(National Center for Education Statistics)



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- More than 64.3% of White students finish a four-year degree within six years, compared with 55% of Hispanic students and 39.8% of Black students.  
(National Center for Education Statistics)
- The unemployment rate in 2020 was 11.4% for those who are Black, 10.4% for those who are Hispanic, and 7.3% for those who are White.  
(U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

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- The median household income in 2017 was roughly \$65,000 for those who are White, \$50,000 for those who are Hispanic, and \$40,000 for those who are Black.

(U.S. Census Bureau)

- Even though those who are Black make up 13.6% of the American general population, they make up 38.5% of the population in America's prisons.

(U.S. Census Bureau and Federal Bureau of Prisons)



# Response #1: Completely Dismiss the Role of Race or Racism in Today's Issues

**Violates Jesus' teaching to love our neighbors as ourselves**

The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:31 (ESV)

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Romans 12:15 (ESV)



# Response #1: Completely Dismiss the Role of Race or Racism in Today's Issues

**Fails to reflect sin's ability to impact individual hearts as well as organizations, institutions, systems, and cultures**

Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens.

Exodus 1:8-11



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Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution...<sup>5</sup> And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.

Acts 6:1,5

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**Fails to reflect the subtle and deceptive nature of sin**

The heart is deceitful above all things,  
and desperately sick; who can understand it?

Jeremiah 17:9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:8

# Response #2: Explain Everything Through the Lens of Ethnic or Racial Inequality

## **Undermines our common humanity**

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:26-27



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## **Denies our common sinfulness**

They have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

Psalm 53:3

What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin...

Romans 3:9

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 3:23

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## **Prioritizes power over forgiveness and reconciliation**

But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven...

Matthew 5:44-45a

...and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Colossians 3:13



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## **Prioritizes power over forgiveness and reconciliation**

Ephesians 2:1-10

- We were dead in our trespasses and sins, following the world, carrying out the flesh, and children of wrath.
- But God, because of his extravagant mercy, love, and grace has made us alive together with Christ.
- It's not our doing. It's a gift from God that we receive through faith.

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Ephesians 2:11-16

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world...



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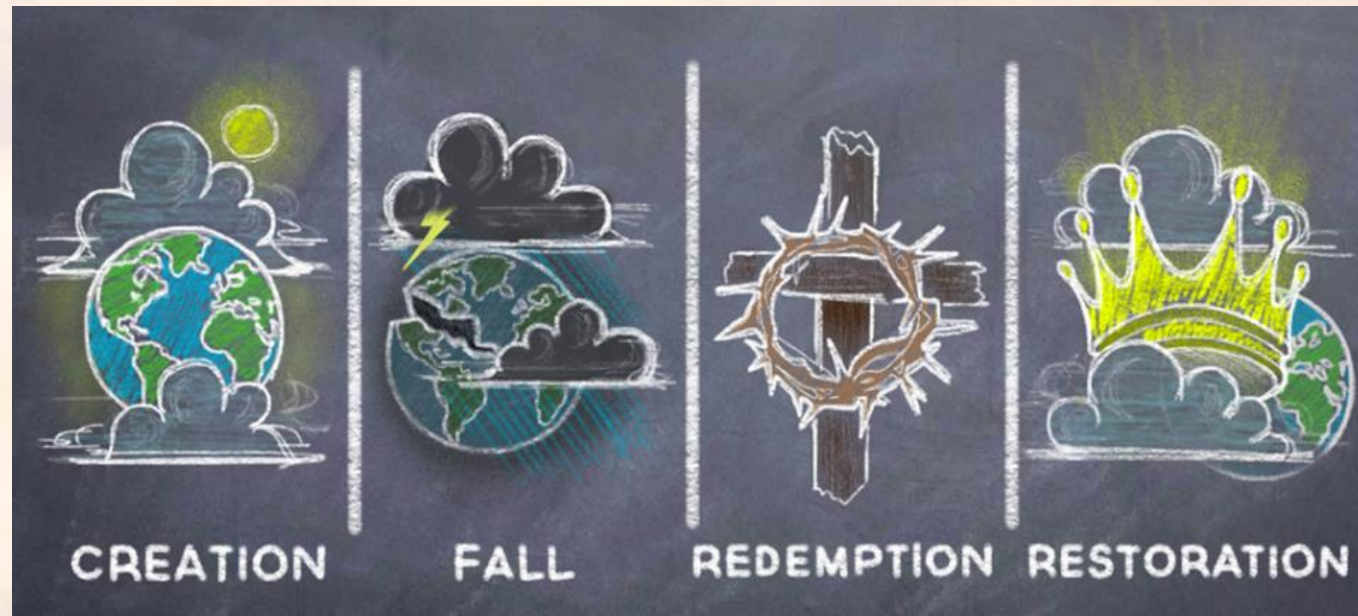
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...But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

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## The Four Chapter Gospel





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## Chapter 1: Creation

- All people are made in God's image and are therefore worthy of dignity, honor, and respect

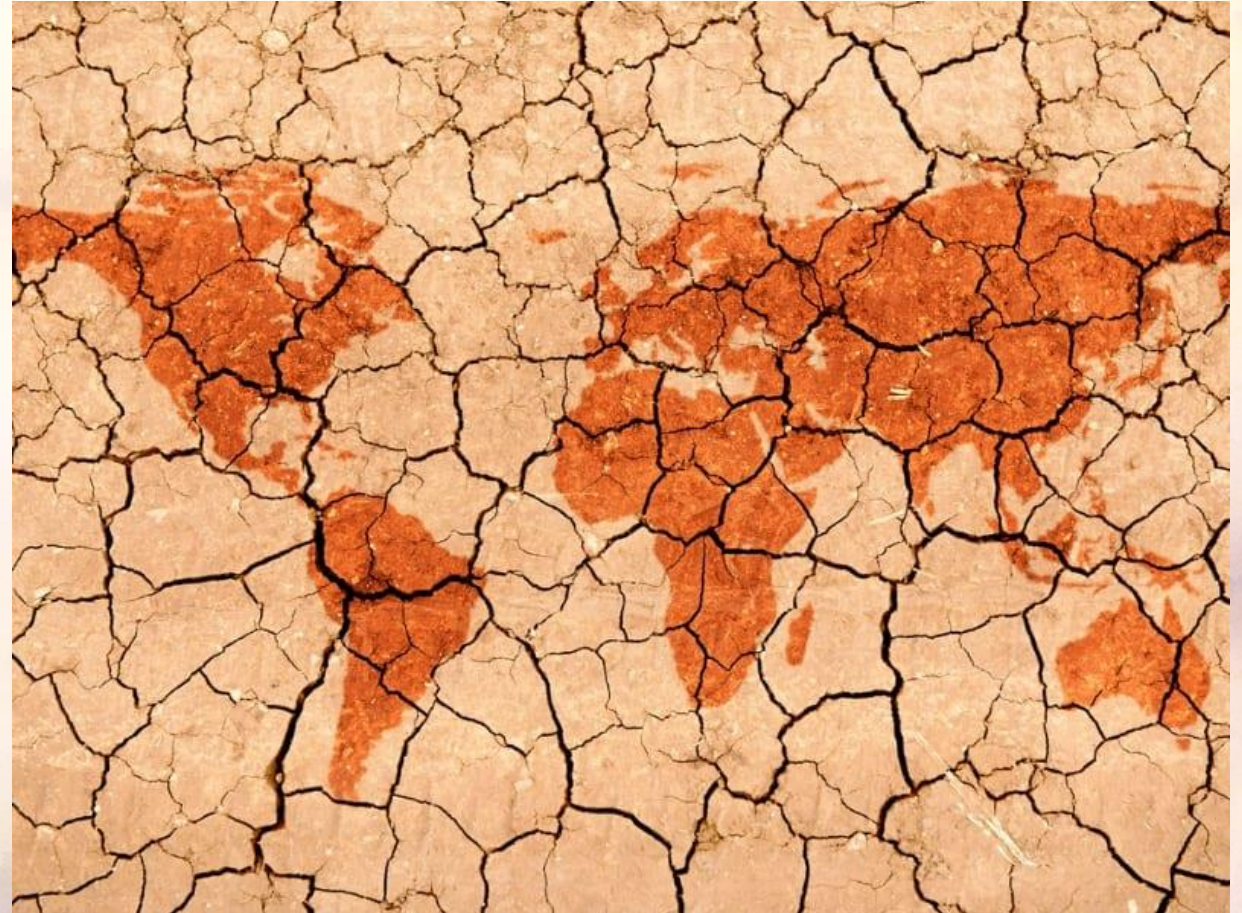




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## Chapter 2: Fall

- All have sinned and this world is broken





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## Chapter 3: Redemption

- Jesus entered this broken world and conquered Satan, sin and death through his own life, death, and resurrection
- Through faith in him, we are reconciled to God and to each other



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## Chapter 4: Restoration (or Glory)

- Jesus returns and establishes a New Heavens and New Earth where sin and suffering are no more
- People from every nation, tribe, people, and language worship him as one



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**Love** Lament Repent Respond Learn

Ask yourself:

- What do both you and Jesus love about your culture?
- What are the passions, strengths, and beauty of your culture?

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Love **Lament** Repent Respond Learn

Ask yourself:

- What makes Jesus sad about your culture? What about your culture grieves him?
  - What idols are common in your culture?
  - What brokenness has resulted from those idols?
- What sins have been committed by people of your culture or against people of your culture?

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Ask yourself:

- How have you personally shared in or contributed to the idols and brokenness in your culture?

Examine your heart and confess these things to God.

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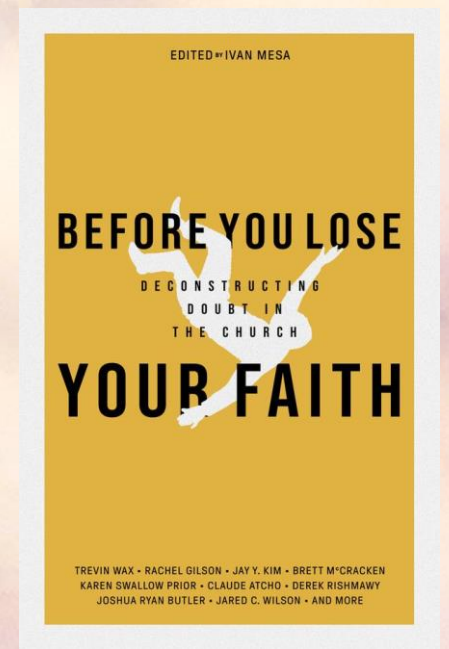
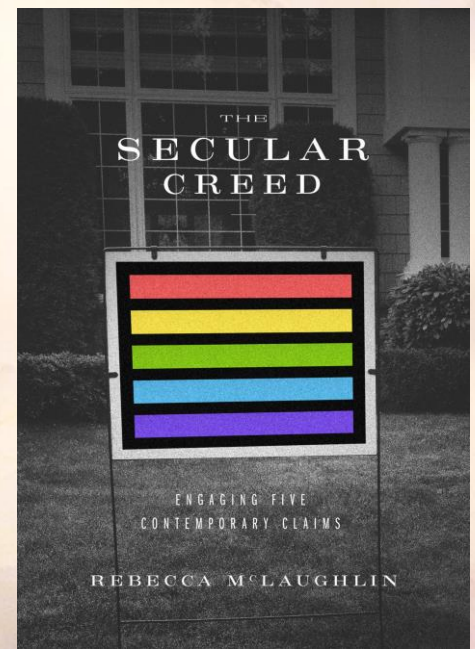
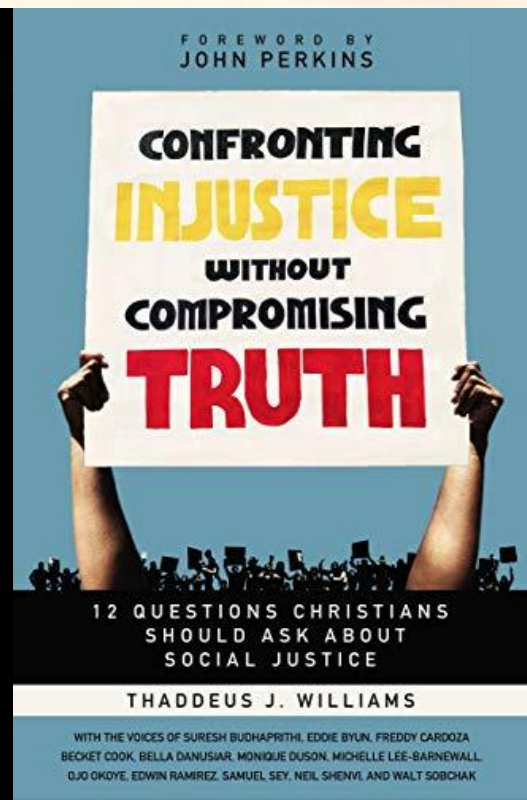
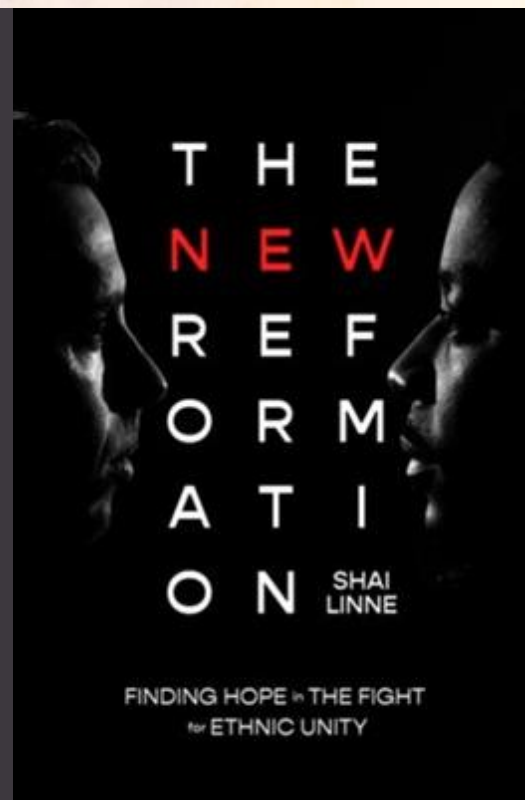
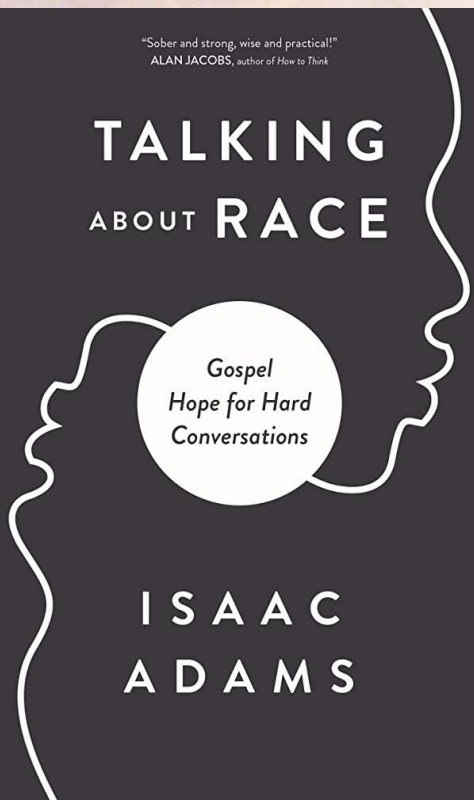
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As a representative of your culture, identify and pursue next steps that you can take that will be pleasing to Jesus.



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