

A Place to Start: Resources To Lament, Listen and Continue to Learn

As the church, we're called to look different from the world - not to be reactive or to follow the world, but to lead the way and be set apart, seeking justice, loving mercy, walking humbly before God and loving all of his image bearers, pursuing unity for the sake of Christ with grace for one another.

The Bible also says of the church, "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. 1 Corinthians 12.26." That means sitting with one another, listening to the stories of your brothers and sisters with hearts open to hear their experiences and their stories.

*That's why we're sharing this list. This list isn't about a **political** agenda. It's not about policies or a position. It's about **people**.*

*Our prayer is that this would help you sit across from and inside the stories of **people** who look different than you, who were made in God's image, so that we can continue to press towards unity in the kingdom of God as we stand with those who are hurting.*

The list below is by no means exhaustive. There are so many resources and stories - as many as there are people because every person's experience and perspective has been different. But, this is a place to start as you seek to understand brothers and sisters in Christ, made in God's image, who have had a different experience from you. We encourage you to engage with this list with great humility and a commitment to pray for eyes to see, ears to hear, for wisdom of when to speak up and when to listen, and that the unifying love of Jesus would flow out of you in all your relationships.

Podcasts/Sermons

[How Do We Respond to George Floyd and a World Full of Injustice?](#)

[Epiphany Discusses Race, Justice and the Gospel](#)

[Unity in Diversity](#)

[Viewfinder: Let's Get to Know Each Other](#)

Books

[Be the Bridge](#)

[Let the Trumpet Sound](#)

[The Elusive Dream](#)

[Divided by Faith](#)

[Under Our Skin](#)

[Oneness Embraced](#)

[Insider Outsider](#)

Movies:

[Just Mercy](#) (Available on Prime)

[American Son](#) (Available on Netflix)

[When They See Us](#) (Available on Netflix)

[The Hate U Give](#) (Available on Hulu and Prime)

[The Color Purple](#) (Available on Prime)

[Hidden Figures](#) (Available on Hulu and Prime)

[Harriet](#) (Available on Prime)

[13th](#) (Available on Netflix)

People to Follow

[Bernice King](#), [Gerald Fadayomi](#), [Sam Collier](#), [Toni Collier](#), [Latasha Morrison](#), [Be the Bridge](#), [King Center](#)

[Additional Resources \(Books, history, podcasts, movies, etc\) here](#)

Resources for Parents:

[How to Talk To Your Kids About Racism: An Age by Age Guide](#) (Blog Post)

[Raising Kids Who Will Initiate Racial Equality](#) (Blog Post)

[Why You Need To Talk about Race With Your Kids](#) (Podcast)

[Pardon the Mess](#) (Podcast)

[ColorFull](#) (Book)

[Books to Support Conversations on Race and Racism](#) (Book List)

[Picture Books for Black History](#) (Book List)

Verses to Pray Over as You Listen and Learn:

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Romans 12.9-16

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4.2-6

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13.1-8