

SUNDAY TO SATURDAY

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN CHURCH AND HOME

RACISM / Guided learning path: Pairings, Vol. 2



A LITURGICAL PRAYER

Lord, make us seekers of shalom. Rid our hearts of our love of the status quo, our comfort in complacency, our preference for absence of conflict. Cultivate in us, God, a love for true shalom: wholeness, flourishing, a world made right.

- A prayer from The Liturgy of Politics, Kaitlyn Schiess

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START HERE: *The following are resources that complement each other and help one deepen an understanding about a specific aspect of a topic. Before you begin read our framework on page 3 to prepare your heart and mind before engaging with the topic. Scan the QDR code in the top right corner to engage with this learning path online.*

Give me a good sermon:

□ **SERMON: Ethnic Unity** | Rapper and Del Ray Baptist (Alexandria, VA) pastor **Shai Linne** makes a passionate case for ethnic unity based on Biblical principles. Ethnic unity should be centered on the gospel along with grace, unity, patience, humility and bearing with one another in love. One of our favorite resources.

□ **SERMON: I Can't Breathe** | A moving, impassioned sermon by Progressive Baptist Church's (Chicago, IL) **Charlie Dates** who says that racism in America is a fundamental theological issue as some people don't see that humans are unique and are created by God.

Just the facts:

□ **ARTICLE: Justice Too Long Delayed** | A straight forward walk-through on America and its institutions that were founded on racism. If you just want the data without personal stories, this is perfect.

□ **SERMON: Why Black Lives Matter Matters** | Pastor and podcaster **Mike Erre** deftly answers this question ("Prove to me that the Bible says I must value black lives, and hate ethnic supremacy.") that he received on Twitter using Biblical proof. Delivered in the style of a sermon.

Racism as a wedge between minorities:

□ [**ARTICLE: An Asian American Guide to Dismantling Anti-Blackness**](#) | Though addressed to Asian Americans, this article is applicable to everyone.

□ [**PODCAST: Anti-Asian Discrimination in the Age of Covid**](#) | A wide ranging discussion with leaders in Black and Asian communities that touches on the anti-Asian racism statement, the model minority myth, the weaponization of white supremacy and how Asian and Black communities have been racist against each other and how the two communities need to unite.

Critique of the church:

□ [**SERMON: The Crime Scene**](#) | Dr. **John Perkins** says that the church has fundamentally got it wrong and that we must repent of our sins – pride, greed – and that our only hope is in Jesus and a multi ethnic church. Audio volume is a little lower than normal, so make sure to turn it up.

□ [**MOVIE: I am Not your Negro**](#) | Actor **Samuel L. Jackson** reads from author **James Baldwin's** unfinished manuscript *Remember This House* over video clips and pictures from the sixties. Baldwin's criticism of white America hits right to the core – especially for the white church. Presented in the vein of a **Ken Burns** documentary. Though most of the footage is over 50 years old, it could have come out of today's headlines. If you are watching on Amazon Prime, pause the movie and use the x-ray feature to learn about the lesser known historical figures. Note that there are graphic images.

□ [**PODCAST: Racism, white supremacy and Black Lives Matter: George Yancey and Drew Hart**](#) | From protests to Black Lives Matter to critiques of white fragility to critical race theory host **Justin Brierley** talks with theologian Dr. **Drew Hart** and Christian sociologist Dr. **George Yancy** about how the church can respond to each issue.

□ [**SHOW: Color of Compromise**](#) | Author **Jemar Tisby** traces the intertwining of race, the church and politics from the 1400's into the 21st century in his 12-part study series with episodes ranging from 5 to 26 minutes. Tisby clearly shows how racism has been woven into the fabric of American life with the church's explicit and implicit support.

Challenge me:

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□ [**SHOW: Race, Trauma, and the Doctrine of Discovery**](#) | A sobering, challenging speech where **Mark Charles** argues that America knows nothing about race and gender and America's history.

□ [**BOOK: Prophetic Lament**](#) | Associate professor at North Park Theological Seminary (Chicago, IL) **Soong-Chan Rah** meticulously goes through the five chapters of Lamentations providing a theological framework for lament while simultaneously critiquing the American church. He argues that American exceptionalism and its theology of praise has pushed out the important practice of lament in the American church.

THE SUNDAY TO SATURDAY FRAMEWORK

[Our framework](#) begins with the foundational doctrine of the Imago Dei (Gen. 1:27) - that humans are unique and created in the image of God. This doctrine of respect and dignity permeates every step of Sunday to Saturday's approach to learning about a topic.

When this doctrine is applied, it forces us into tension, which then requires nuance. This tension and nuance manifests itself in a both/and worldview as opposed to an either/or worldview. For example, you can be an advocate for the police and for police reform.

The framework consists of four stages/steps: pray, learn, pause, and engage.

These four stages are not fixed and you will move back and forth from one stage to the other throughout your life. You may stay in one stage for months or even years. At other times it may be a blend of multiple stages.

The colors of each step are specifically chosen to correspond to liturgical colors. Pray and pause are purple -- purple represents preparation. Learn and engage are green -- green represents growth. Gold represents glory.



THE STAGES

1. **PRAY:** Each topic begins with a liturgical prayer that we find useful when engaging with that particular subject. When you pray, ask God to soften your heart and sharpen your mind.

GUIDING VERSE: Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. -- Jeremiah 33:3 (NIV)

2. **LEARN:** Knowledge is power. We have already spent hundreds of hours curating content – use our [guided learning paths](#) and [five questions](#) as starting points on your journey.

GUIDING VERSE: Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance. -- Proverbs 1:5 (NIV)

3. **PAUSE:** It is important to stop, pray, and reflect on what you have learned. Pausing should be done after each piece of media you consume, but it is also useful to stop every few weeks or months to take a break, rest, and reflect.

GUIDING VERSE: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight. -- Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

4. **ENGAGE:** When you feel ready, engage with neighbors, family and friends - but do not rush into this step. Know that you are going to mess up, that doesn't mean quitting, that means adjusting and probably moving back into steps 1-3 before moving back to step 4.

GUIDING VERSE: Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do. -- James 1:22-25 (NIV)