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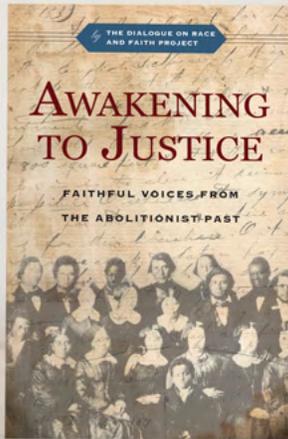
*NEW IVP RESOURCES ON  
BLACK HISTORY, RACE, AND JUSTICE*



Throughout its seventy-five years of publishing, IVP has been intentional about providing books that address issues of justice, race, ethnic identity, and other topics that speak to the culture and the church as a whole. In honor of Black History Month and the ongoing work toward racial understanding and equity, the IVP publicity team offers the following four new and forthcoming resources. We hope these titles and authors will spark ideas for articles, excerpts, and interviews that celebrate Black history while also paving the way for a better future.

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## A BOOK, STUDY GUIDE, AND SHORT FILM FROM THE DIALOGUE ON RACE AND FAITH PROJECT



# **AWAKENING TO JUSTICE:** *Faithful Voices from the Abolitionist Past*

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by The Dialogue on Race and Faith Project, Jemar Tisby, Christopher P. Momany, Sègbégnon Mathieu Gnonhossou, David D. Daniels III, R. Matthew Sigler, Douglas M. Strong, Diane Leclerc, Esther Chung-Kim, Albert G. Miller, and Estrelida Y. Alexander

In 2015, the historian Chris Momany helped discover a manuscript that had been forgotten in a storage closet at Adrian College in Michigan. He identified it as the journal of a nineteenth-century Christian abolitionist and missionary, David Ingraham. As Momany and fellow historian Doug Strong pored over the diary, they realized that studying this document could open new conversations for twenty-first-century Christians to address the reality of racism today. They invited a multiracial team of fourteen scholars to join in, thus launching the [Dialogue on Race and Faith Project](#).

*“Sometimes God speaks to contemporary troubles with an answer given long ago. In an age when too many are afraid to tell the whole story of our history, this book invites the reader to understand that none of our contemporary issues of race are new. Indeed, in the example of Ingraham and his interracial circle, we can find a Christian model for moving forward toward racial justice and integrated congregational worship in our own time. Although Ingraham and his friends failed in their attempts to create an enduring community of racial equity, their efforts, their vision, and even their mistakes can be instructive to us. From one age of tragic polarization in the nineteenth century, Ingraham’s story is one answer to our own partisan divisions today. This is a much-needed story of vision, of community, and of hope, and as usual, God has given it to us right on time!”*

**VALERIE COOPER**, associate professor of religion and society and Black church studies at Duke Divinity School

*Awakening to Justice* presents the groundbreaking work of these scholars.

[Download the study guide here](#)

Check out [this interview](#) with two of the book’s coauthors, Douglas M. Strong and Albert G. Miller.

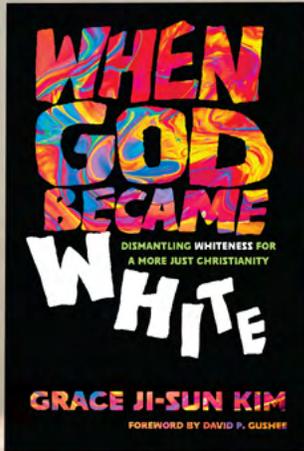
In addition, the *Awakening to Justice* short film tells the story of the journey of these scholars working together on a subject that is challenging personally, educationally, and spiritually.

[View the trailer here](#)



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## QUESTIONS AND CHALLENGES OF A WHITE CHRISTIANITY



# **WHEN GOD BECAME WHITE:** *Dismantling Whiteness for a More Just Christianity*

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Grace Ji-Sun Kim explores the historical origins and theological implications of the myth of the white male God. Examining the roots of the distortion and its harmful impact on the world, Kim shows what it looks like to recover the biblical reality of a nonwhite, nongendered God, leading us to a more just faith and a better church and world.

Kim writes, “This book is about the religious journey I took to make sense of my own experiences and place them in context. It explores the emergence of a white Jesus and what the implications of this are on racialized minorities. In this process, I came to understand how whiteness has corrupted our understanding of each other and God. If we are to overcome the devastating effects of whiteness, we need to move forward and adopt a theology of visibility so we can embrace the other and live in peace with our neighbors. I hope my questions and challenges of a white Christianity will help you in your own explorations of faith, spirituality, and God.”



**GRACE JI-SUN KIM** (PhD, University of Toronto) is professor of theology at Earlham School of Religion in Richmond, Indiana. She is the host of the [Madang](#) podcast and has published in *TIME*, *Huffington Post*, *US Catholic*, and *The Nation*. She is an ordained PC(USA) minister and enjoys being a guest preacher on most Sundays. Her many books include *Invisible*, *Reimagining Spirit*, and [Healing Our Broken Humanity](#).

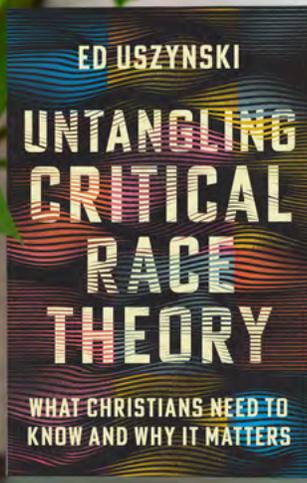
*“I read everything I can by Grace Ji-Sun Kim, but I especially needed this book. As a white man who inherited a white male God, I am grateful for this Korean-born theologian who gently, clearly, and firmly guides readers like me into a bigger, deeper, more awesome and just understanding of the Holy One.”*

**BRIAN D. MCLAREN**, author of *Do I Stay Christian?*



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## WHY A BOOK ON CRITICAL RACE THEORY?



# UNTANGLING CRITICAL RACE THEORY:

*What Christians Need to Know and Why it Matters*

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Critical Race Theory may be one of the most widely referenced issues of the day, but it's also one of the least understood. What does it actually mean, and how should Christians engage it?

Ed Szynski is uniquely positioned to address the dynamics of critical race theory. He earned his PhD in American culture studies in the university world and navigated the realities of Marxist critical theory and critical race theory—while still a white male conservative Christian ministering in traditional contexts. With responsible answers to legitimate concerns, Szynski goes beyond the surface to provide a reliable path of just discernment and cultural engagement.

*"This is one of the most important books I have read in recent years. . . . Understanding what gave rise to Critical Race Theory should put the spotlight on compassion and motivate followers of Christ to do what should have been done. Thank you, Ed, for calling us to be portraits of the solution."*

**CRAWFORD LORITTS,**  
founder and president of Beyond Our Generation, from the foreword



**ED USZYNSKI** (PhD, Bowling Green State University) is a content specialist for Cru, Athletes in Action, and FamilyLife. He also serves as a oneness and diversity consultant for church and parachurch organizations. His writing includes contributions to *Desiring God*, *Mockingbird*, and other online publications. He is a frequent speaker and podcaster on topics of race, sport culture, and marriage.

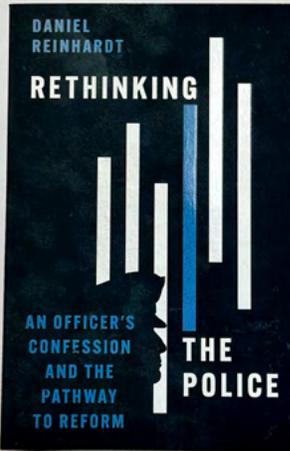
*"Ed's book is not only a responsible, fair, and honest evaluation of CRT and its Marxist roots, but it is also a model of what evangelical scholarship should look like. If you want an intellectually lazy approach to CRT that takes a binary—'CRT is evil!' or 'CRT is 100 percent true!'—then stick to your favorite partisan pundit to spoon feed you the 'truth.' But if you want an honest and responsible guide to help you think through the complexities of CRT and how it contributes to our understanding of race relations, then I cannot more highly recommend this book."*

**PRESTON SPRINKLE,** author and host of *Theology in the Raw* podcast, from the foreword



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## GRAPPLING WITH A BROKEN POLICE CULTURE



# **RETHINKING THE POLICE:** *An Officer's Confession and the Pathway to Reform*

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Daniel Reinhardt spent twenty-four years as a police officer near Cleveland, Ohio. He was long unaware of the ways the culture of the police department was shaping him, but gradually, through his own experiences as a police officer and through the mentorship of Black Christians in his life, his eyes were opened to a difficult truth: police brutality against racial minorities was endemic to the culture of the system itself.

In *Rethinking the Police*, Reinhardt lays out a history of policing in the United States, showing how it developed a culture of dehumanization, systemic racism, and brutality. But Reinhardt doesn't stop there: he offers a new model of policing based not in dominance and control but in a culture of servant leadership, with concrete suggestions for procedural justice and community policing.



**DANIEL REINHARDT** (PhD, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary) served as a police officer near Cleveland, Ohio, for twenty-four years. After retiring from the police force, he was assistant professor at the Heart of Texas Foundation College of Ministry at the Memorial Unit, a prison in Rosharon, Texas. Currently, he is associate director of student life and applied ministry at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

*“With impeccable research and long-lived experience, Daniel Reinhardt is winsome in his words about policing and peace. No matter where you land on issues of policing, systemic racism, justice, and the way to peace, there is something to learn in Rethinking the Police. Part confessional and part plea, Reinhardt’s book refuses to demonize any one entity and puts forth a realistic pathway to reform in our communities and world.”*

**LORE FERGUSTON WILBERT**, author of *A Curious Faith* and *Handle with Care*



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