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PRIVILEGE IS REAL



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“Losing preferential treatment or letting go of privilege . . . is not the same as experiencing oppression when institutionalized systems and structures harm someone on the basis of the color of their skin.”

KEN WYTSMA, in *The Myth of Equality*

A black and white portrait of Ken Wytisma, a man with a goatee and short hair, looking directly at the camera. The portrait is partially obscured by a white diagonal shape that frames the text.

Ken Wytisma is a leader, communicator, and social entrepreneur. In 2010, he founded The Justice Conference—an annual international conference that has introduced over thirty thousand men and women across six continents to conversations and organizations related to biblical justice.

Ken’s books include *Pursuing Justice* and *The Grand Paradox*, and he has written articles in *RELEVANT Magazine*, *Church Leaders*, *Huffington Post*, *OUTREACH Magazine*, and more. A church planter and the lead pastor at Antioch Church, he is also a consultant to nonprofits and a sought-after speaker on justice, church, and culture. He and his wife, Tamara, have four daughters and live in Bend, Oregon.

A black and white photograph of a crowd of people walking, blurred to suggest motion. The image is positioned at the bottom of the page, partially overlapping the contact information.

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“Ken Wytsma is the kind of leader who offers real solutions toward social integration and racial reconciliation, and he comes from that kind of community and church. *The Myth of Equality* is a genuine contribution for those of us looking for ways forward.”

SCOT McKNIGHT, Northern Seminary

“Wytsma broaches an incredibly sensitive but pertinent conversation about equality, privilege, race, injustice, and reconciliation. . . . *The Myth of Equality* is an important and timely book that helps us dig deeper on the journey of justice and reconciliation.”

EUGENE CHO,
pastor and humanitarian,
author of *Overrated*

“I’ve witnessed Ken’s journey toward deeper understanding of the construct of race, its impact on individuals and communities of color, and what redemption requires. . . . Through *The Myth of Equality*, Wytsma offers a peek at his homework. But this is no cheat sheet. It’s a journal of discoveries shared with humility, grace, and unrelenting commitment to truth.”

LISA SHARON HARPER,
chief church engagement
officer, Sojourners

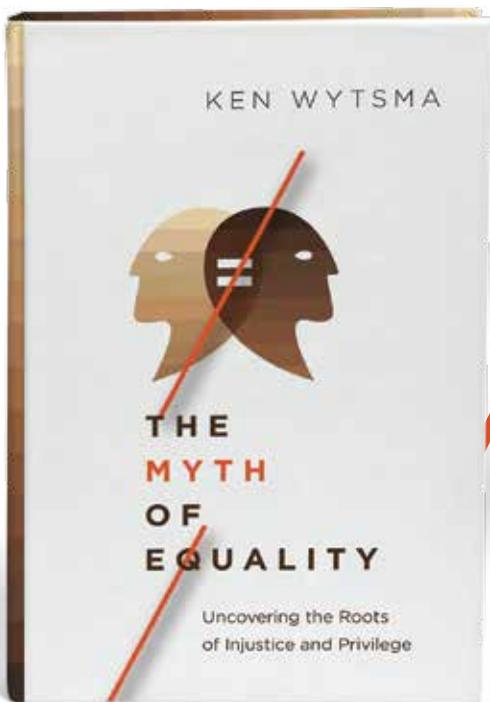
TALKING POINTS

- You say that privilege isn’t just an interesting topic or hotly debated issue, but a deeply religious subject. How does this issue tie in with faith?
- Why is it important to understand our history when we talk about privilege and race relations in our country?
- How do you respond to those who view racism as a past issue that no longer affects us today?
- Why is it important for white leaders to engage with the topic of race and privilege? What unique perspective do you have to offer on this issue as a white man?
- How do listening, lamenting, and learning help us begin to move forward on the journey toward reconciliation in our society?

“I’m hoping that this book can serve as an introduction for people who feel that something is wrong, are looking for a way to understand the roots of racism in America, or are looking for language to make sense of their experience.”

KEN WYTSMA

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The story of race and privilege in America is only picking up speed. More and more people are anxious and desire to go deeper to understand more specifically why America is the way she is and, more importantly, what we can do to intentionally promote unity and equality, starting with the church.

“There is a lot of confusion around issues of race and privilege,” says Ken Wytsma, founder of The Justice Conference. “Far too often, people, in the dominant culture or evangelicals, either don’t understand the complexity of race, their complicity in the systems and structures that have oppressed others, or their biblical responsibility with regard to their neighbors.”

In this timely, insightful book, Wytsma unpacks what we need to know to be grounded in conversations about today’s race-related issues. And he helps us come to a deeper understanding of both the origins of these issues and the reconciling role we are called to play as ministers of the gospel.

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