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## **Race in America: The First Steps**

### **The Importance of Understanding**

Race has served as a historically important factor in the way institutions operate and function within our society. The varying perspectives on what it means to live in America has been vastly different for those who have a lived experience in a historically underrepresented racial group and those who live in the majority. These experiences are uniquely exacerbated when referring to the experience of Black Americans. The list below serves as a guide for those who desire a deeper understanding of the world around them and how to partner with others as we pursue the Kingdom of God. This pursuit comes through celebrating differences by educating ourselves in the honest realities that shape our nation.

### **Taking the First Steps**

#### **Set the Posture of Listening and Learning**

- [Empathy- Brene Brown](#)
- [Privilege?](#)
- [Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack- Peggy Macintosh](#)
- [The Danger of a Single Story](#)

#### **Begin to Lean In**

- [A Class Divided- Jane Elliott](#)
- [The Other America- MLK Speech](#)

#### **Understanding History**

- [Ava Duverney's 13th \(Netflix\)](#)
- [Post-Traumatic Slave Syndrome- Joy DeGruy](#)
- [Just Mercy- Bryan Stevenson](#)

#### **Understanding Allyship**

- [So You Want to Talk About Race- Ijeoma Oluo](#)
- [Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism Drew Hart](#)
- [White Accomplices](#)

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