Resources on Racial Reconciliation

During this weekend’s service, Pastor J.D. led a conversation with some leaders of color at the Summit, processing the tragic events of the past few weeks and assessing where we are as a church—and where we need to go. The following resources provide next steps for those who want to continue engaging the vital issue of racial reconciliation.

*Note: The Summit’s Commission for Oneness and Reconciliation (CORE) has an additional list of excellent resources [on their website](#). Some of those resources are included here as well.*

**Sermons**

- J.D. Greear, “Tearing Down the Walls That Separate Us”
- J.D. Greear, Tremayne Manson, Dr. Terrance Ruth, “Moving Forward in Racial Diversity and Reconciliation”

**Books About Racial Reconciliation in the Church**

Our staff has read many of these books, and we have found them helpful in modeling the way the gospel promotes unity and reconciliation in the church:

- Tony Evans, *Oneness Embraced*
- Bryan Loritts, *Right Color, Wrong Culture*
- John Perkins, *One Blood*
- Christian Smith and Michael Emerson, *Divided by Faith*
- George Yancey, *Beyond Racial Gridlock*

**Books About Race and United States History**

The following books are helpful primers on the Jim Crow/Great Migration era and the civil rights movement:

- Isabel Wilkerson, *The Warmth of Other Suns*
- Taylor Branch’s three-part series on the civil rights movement:
  - *Parting the Waters: America in the King Years, 1954–63*
  - *Pillar of Fire: America in the King Years, 1963–65*, and
  - *At Canaan’s Edge: America in the King Years, 1965–68*. 