A Few Books for Further Study on Race and Racism
Recommendations by Rev. Tom Are, Jr., senior pastor of Village Church, and Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka, senior associate pastor of Village Church

An exploration of race, the criminal justice system, and mass incarceration. Alexander is an attorney and teaches at Stanford.

Barndt, a parish pastor and antiracism trainer for over 30 years offers a clear and practical primer on race and race relations. Without demonizing any race, he offers specific, positive ways people can work to bring systemic racism to an end.

Ta-Nehisi Coates, Between the World and Me (2015)
A “think piece” on structural violence of racism.

James Cone, Martin & Malcolm & America (1991)
Cone, a professor of Black Theology, explores the importance of Dr. King and Malcolm X and the contributions they both made to interpreting the realities of racism in America and how to respond to it.

Examining both the challenges of homophobia and racism, these two authors provide tangible steps to becoming an ally in the efforts to seek justice.

A challenging look at the reactions that are common in white people regarding racism, from defensiveness to guilt. DiAngelo is an academic and a trainer on issues of race and justice.

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Jennifer Eberhardt, **Biased (2019)**
Dr. Eberhardt is a professor of psychology at Stanford and explores the way bias is a normal part of human life.

Kevin Fox Gotham, **Race, Real Estate and Uneven Development** (2014)
An exploration of housing in Kansas City. Gotham traces our history from 1900 to 2010 noting the impacts of covenants, the modern mortgage system and the forces that impact segregated housing. Gotham is a professor of sociology at Tulane.

David Grann, **Killers of the Flower Moon** (2017)
History of the Osage tribe who became quite wealthy on oil in the 1920’s. Then they began to be murdered.

Debby Irving, **Waking Up White** (2014)
Her own reflections on understanding herself as a person who has a “race,” and the implications of what it means to be white.

For every dollar owned by the average white family in the United States, the average family of color has less than a dime. Five authors recount the asset-building history of race arguing that until we deal with the economic disparity, racism will never be overcome.

Bryan Stevenson, **Just Mercy** (2014)
While not explicitly about race, Mr. Stevenson is a law professor at New York University and the executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama, an agency that works with folks who have received the death penalty.

Angie Thomas, **The Hate U Give** (2019)
A novel of a 16-year old girl who witnesses her friend being shot by police. Thomas offers meaningful insight into the struggles in the black community. The language is often coarse.

Time Wise, **White Like Me. Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son** (2005)
Combining personal stories with insights gleaned from 15 years as an anti-racist activist, Wise tells what it means to be part of the “majority” culture in America and how he benefits from white privilege.