

F. LaGard Smith answers the question: What should the Christian response be to Critical Race Theory?

Discussion and study guides / questions / topics for your consideration. As a preface to this discussion, consider that this topic is not a 'classical' biblical topic. Rather this is an invented term, from the creation, about the creation, that uses spiritual and mental components (such as the powerful force of guilt) given to the creation by the creator without acknowledging the creator at all.

In these types of discussions, God's people may want to keep Ephesians 6.10-12 within reach and pray for understanding, discernment, and humility when looking into "...powers...world forces...spiritual forces...".

1. Critical Race Theory (CRT) is labeled as an educational tool to address the inequities of slavery and segregation -- the giant racial problem created in the past.
 - a. What do you think?
 - b. However, what is direction that CRT takes to do what it wants to do?
 - i. Is its direction to inform that the white population living today are individually and collectively responsible for all the slavery-based evils in the past?
 - ii. What about non-white populations?
 - c. Thought question on CRT: why now?
2. What is the focus of Ezekiel 18 and does it speak to the subject of CRT? Discuss.
 - a. Does Ezekiel 18 speak to every subject?
 - b. Every generation chooses to do what is right or what is evil. Discuss.
 - c. Who decides what is right and what is evil?
3. If the tenets of Ezekiel 18 are true, how does that inform CRT?
 - a. If the tenets of Ezekiel are true, and the current day responsibility does not fall on the current day peoples, where does guilt need to be placed?
 - b. If there is no guilt to be placed upon current day peoples, then what happens to atonement and penalty?
4. CRT views everything through the lens of race. What does that mean?

- a. The video discussion suggests that perspective only perpetuates the notion of victimization. What do you think?
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- 5. The only way to resolve issues lifted up by CRT is by getting back to God and His ways.
 - a. Why? God and His ways have been available the entire time. What is the problem?
 - b. What does Gal 3.25-28 inform us? What about 2 Cor 5.16?
 - c. Otherwise, is unity or divisiveness likely to perpetuate?
 - d. What did Christ teach about being divided? Lk 11.17
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- 6. So, then, what is the Christian response to CRT? Maybe start with Mk 12.28-33; Lk 10.25-37; and John 8.7?
 - a. And proceed to Is 55.6-7; Ro 3.23; 1 Jo 1.8 and Ezek 18.
 - b. Teach and Do the same.