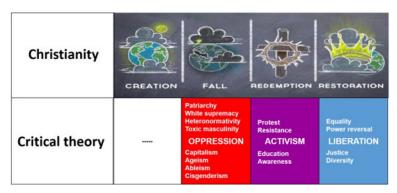
What to remember when talking to people.

- a. Some people have experienced more oppression than you. It is important to listen to their story.
- b. Oppression is a part of human history. Evil exists. Acknowledge that fact.
- c. Horrific national evils have been codified into law.
- d. Hegemonic power does exist that extends the narrative.

Christianity and critical theory are competing worldviews



In creation

In the fall

In **redemption**

In restoration

Revelation 5:9 ... because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every <u>tribe</u> and <u>language</u> and <u>people</u> and <u>nation</u>. ¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth."

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Psalms 11:1 (RSV) In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to me, "Flee like a bird to the mountains; for lo, the wicked bend the bow, they have fitted their arrow to the string, to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart;

Psalm 11:3 If the <u>foundations</u> are destroyed what can the righteous do?

⁴ The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD's throne is in heaven; his eyes behold, his eyelids test, the children of men. ⁵ The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, and his soul hates him that loves violence.

⁶ On the wicked he will rain coals of fire and brimstone; a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.

⁷ For the LORD is righteous, he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.

Daniel 11:32 (RSV) He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant; but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.

The last four hundred years

Psalms 14:1 The <u>fool</u> says in his <u>heart</u>, "<u>There is no God</u>." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. ² The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. ³ All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

	Modern philosophy – (1600+)
	Enlightenment – (1650-1800)
	Romanticism (1800-1850)
	Utilitarianism (early 1800s)
_	Pragmatism (late 1800s)
	Nihilism (1850-1900)
	Progressivism: (1900-present)
	Existentialism (1930+)
_	Postmodernism (1960+)
Post-modernism and Marxism	
Psalms 14:4 Will evildoers never learn—those who devour my people as men eat bread and who do not call on the LORD? ⁵ There they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous. ⁶ You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.	
Post-modernism	
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The newest ISM: Critical Race Theory

Psalms 2:1 Why do the nations <u>conspire</u> and the peoples <u>plot</u> in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his

Anointed One. "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters."

What are the beliefs of critical (race) theory?

- a. Your fundamental identity is equated with your group identity.
- **b.** You are either an oppressor or in an oppressed group.
 - c. Their fundamental moral duty is to free groups from the oppressors.
- d. In understanding the history of oppression someone's lived experience is far more important than objective evidence.
- e. Oppressor groups continue to oppress under the claim of objectivity.
- f. People who are in more than one oppressed group get the loudest voice.