





## 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

Christianity				
	CREATION	FALL	REDEMPTION	RESTORATION
Critical theory	----	<b>OPPRESSION</b> Patriarchy White supremacy Heteronormativity Toxic masculinity Capitalism Ageism Ableism Cisgenderism	<b>ACTIVISM</b> Protest Resistance Education Awareness	<b>LIBERATION</b> Equality Power reversal Justice Diversity

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 **tribe** and **language** and **people** and **nation**.<sup>10</sup> 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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## ISMs

### Our Biblical Worldview—part 9

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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;  
<sup>2</sup>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 **foundations** are destroyed what can the righteous do?*

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

*<sup>6</sup>On the wicked he will rain coals of fire and brimstone; a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.  
<sup>7</sup>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 **fool** says in his **heart**, "**There is no God.**" They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. <sup>2</sup>The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. <sup>3</sup>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**?<sup>5</sup> There they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous.<sup>6</sup> You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.*

### Post-modernism

### Marxism:

### The newest ISM: Critical Race Theory

*Psalms 2:1 Why do the nations **conspire** and the peoples **plot** in vain?*

*<sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth **take their stand** and the **rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.** <sup>3</sup>"**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.