

The book has chapters on such issues as violence, health care, poverty, criminal justice, and reparations. The theme that ties the disparate chapters together is that all problems of inequality and injustice in America are rooted in institutions and belief systems created hundreds of years ago as the original colonies and emerging country tried to reconcile the ethos of freedom and equality with the reality of slavery. The authors contend that the legacy of slavery permeates contemporary society and must be addressed if we are to achieve a just social order. Each chapter portrays a history that most of us are unfamiliar with and concludes with suggestions for remedying contemporary injustices.

The book is long and we will focus on selected chapters. Each week's reading will be just 20-30 pages that include both compelling anecdotal stories and an historical overview. The book is available at Avid Reader (\$38), Amazon Prime (\$22.80), and Kindle (\$13), and an audio version also seems to be available. The Davis library has 5 copies and the church has two copies available for borrowing.

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