

Understand Our Past

Chapter Four

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Racial Reconciliation

Same Scene Remembered Differently

It did not happen that Way

What's the Point?

White Female, 50's

White Male, 40's

Asian Female, 20's

Common

Scripture and the Past

Reconciliation

Truth of the Past

- Pope Nicholas issues the Doctrine of Discovery
 - Columbus claims the “New World” for Spain
- Puritans bring beliefs about white superiority from England
- Colonist wage “total war” and enslave Native Americans
- Bacon’s Rebellion and the Beginning of African Slavery
 - Three-Fifths clause in the US Constitution
- Baptist Committee declares slavery a government issue
- The Civil War begins over slavery and religious rights
 - A thwarted Attempt to empower freed Slaves
- Many White Christian Support unjust laws and participate in hate groups
- Christian boarding schools force Native Americans to assimilate
- The Chinese Exclusion Act
- Many White Christians view “social action” as a dangerous distraction
- Deportations in the Southwest
- The National Housing Act of 1934
- The GI Bill
- Alabama clergymen appeal for “law and order”
- Civil Rights legislation remains unenforced and unimplemented

1960's New Inequality

Color-blindness

Bonilla Silva

- Racial conversations and practices are hidden
 - Racial terms are avoided
- White people claim they are experiencing “reverse racism”
- Race and politics are connected in hidden or coded ways
 - New terminology is used for Jim Crow- like practices

Building and sustaining the Racial Hierarchy

Fear- driven rhetoric

Violence

Psychological manipulation

Economics

Politics

Religion

Belief in White Superiority in Our Society Today

White Dominance

White normativity

White Transparency

The Importance of Truth Telling

“We cannot just move on without looking back”