# WOKE: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

WHAT MUST WE DO?

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### Claim #1: "We should never challenge 'lived experience'"

#### **Positive**

Lived experience can give us valuable insights

#### **Negative**

...but must still be subjected to the scrutiny of Scripture and evidence.

### Claim #2: "We need to liberate our theology from privileged groups"

#### **Positive**

We should constantly re-examine our theology to recognize where our identity has biased our interpretation

#### **Negative**

...but the truth or falsehood of a claim does not depend on the identity of the person making it.

### Claim #3: "We should dismantle all structures which perpetuate privilege"

#### **Positive**

Power can be abused and misused

#### **Negative**

...but power is not inherently evil and power imbalances are not necessarily unjust.

### Claim #4: "We should promote diversity within the church"

#### **Positive**

Some forms of diversity are elements of God's good creation

#### **Negative**

...but others are the result of sin and must be rejected.

## Acknowledge and fight racism and all other forms of injustice



Far left, Ruby Bridges, aged 6 she received death threats when she integrated her all-white elementary school in New Orleans.

Right is Ruby Bridges today, she's 65.

# Acknowledge and oppose acts of violence against LGBT people



Two women were subjected to a homophobic attack and left covered in blood after refusing to kiss on a bus.

BBC News, 7 June 2019

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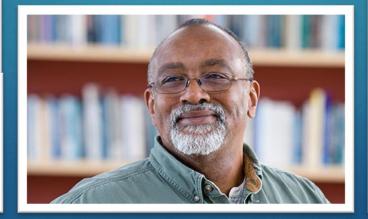
Wilfred de Bruijn was beaten while walking with his boyfriend in the 19th arrondissement of Paris on April 7, 2013

## Be well-informed drawing on a wide variety of sources









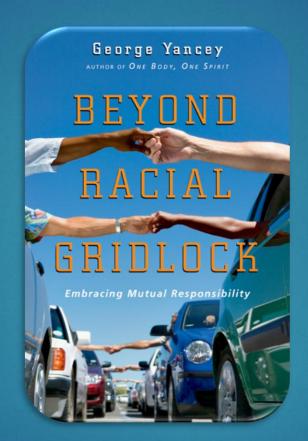




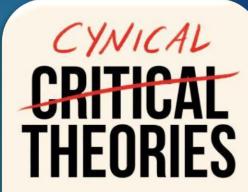
### We can act compassionately and make a difference



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