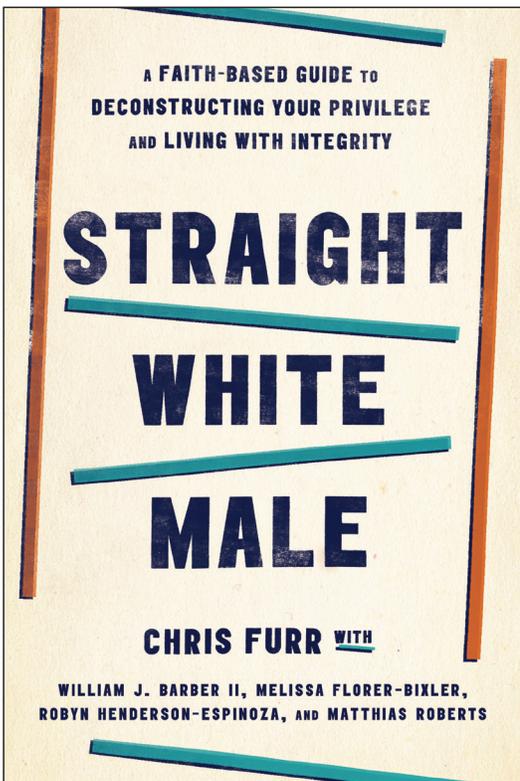


Book Club Questions for Chris Furr's *Straight White Male*



The author uses “partriarchal white supremacy” as shorthand for the common threads binding anti-LGBTQ+ bias, misogyny, and white supremacy cultures together. What common themes did you see emerging, and do you feel that term is sufficient?

In what ways did the author’s reading of Scripture challenge your thoughts about how we use the Bible?

In all three sections of the book, statistics were presented about the harm that systems of oppression have done to others, including suicide rates, incidents of sexual assault, and assets stolen from people of color. Did any of those numbers or statistics surprise you and why?

What do you believe our responsibility is when dealing with past harms? Are we accountable for the sins of past generations? In reading the book, did you discover practical ways you can affect harmful systems—through your career, education, family, relationships, etc?

Matthias Roberts talks about the task of earning and keeping the trust of those who have learned that trusting others can be dangerous. How do you react when others are hesitant to trust that you are an ally?

William Barber writes: “I want people who think they are white to recognize . . . that the lies they have told about me are ultimately also lies about who they are” (p. 130). In what ways did the section on whiteness help you to see how whiteness is ultimately harmful to white people? How can any type of privilege you possess be harmful to you?

What apprehensions did you bring to the book? Did you find the title intriguing, troubling, insulting? Did your experience of reading the book affect your posture in future discussions around these issues?

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