

# Confronting **Racism** as Spiritual Practice

*Book Study and Discussion hosted by  
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**Session 3: The Jim Crow Era**

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# Opening Prayer

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## **Confronting Racism as Spiritual Practice**



## Today's Topics

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- Reconstruction and Redemption
- Freewriting
- Lynching and other forms of racial terror

In breakout groups, you'll have an opportunity to share your reflections.

*Southerners had witnessed the destruction of their towns and the surrounding land as well as the abolition of the slavery - dependent lifestyle they had always known. If anything, the Civil War and the Reconstruction eras increased the animosity that some whites held toward black people. Supported by most whites in the South, several groups initiated a sustained and violent effort to reclaim the South from white northerners and freed black people. They saw their efforts as a divine mandate for the white man to take his rightful place atop the social hierarchy. They referred to this period as “redemption .”*



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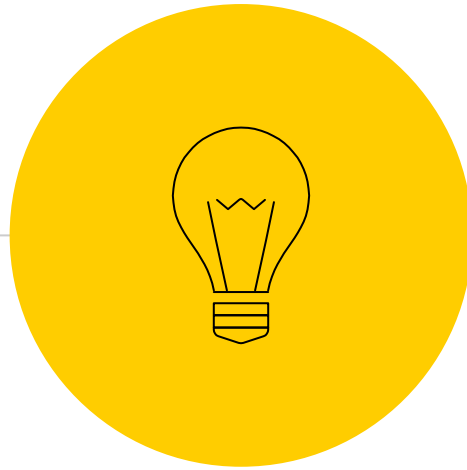
*-p. 96, The Color of Compromise*

*The “Compromise of 1877” effectively ended federal Reconstruction....  
One implication of this political compromise was that it effectively  
ensured that the battle for civil rights in America, even among  
Christians, would involve ongoing disputes over the role of the  
federal government in proactively ensuring the civil rights of  
marginalized people.*



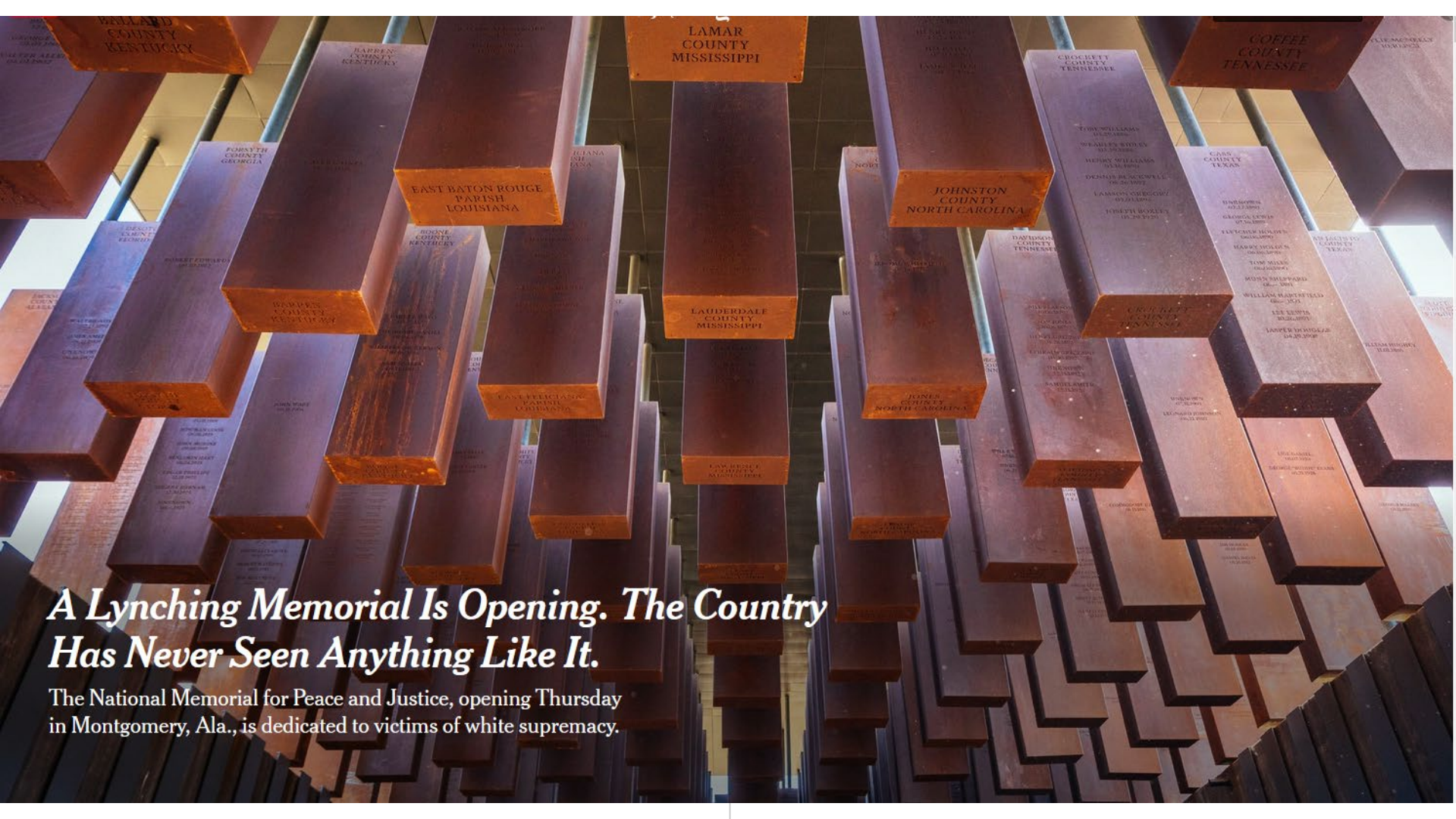
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*-pp. 97-8, The Color of Compromise*



# Freewrite

What do you think of this argument about the end of Reconstruction? Do you see this pattern in politics today?



# *A Lynching Memorial Is Opening. The Country Has Never Seen Anything Like It.*

The National Memorial for Peace and Justice, opening Thursday in Montgomery, Ala., is dedicated to victims of white supremacy.







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**Break**

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## Breakout groups



## Links shared in the chat:

🕒 National Memorial for Peace and Justice (Montgomery, Alabama):

<https://museumandmemorial.eji.org/memorial>

🕒 Large DNA Study Traces Violent History of American Slavery:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/23/science/23andme-african-ancestry.html>

🕒 Misconceptions About African Americans That Contribute to Racial Divide in the U.S.:

[https://www.pomona.edu/news/2020/06/22-professor-eric-hurley-discusses-misconceptions-about-african-americans-contribute-racial-divide-us?fbclid=IwAR3cuiXYtwGXIUOJFKiCSzwABer\\_aLD2I7R5AIfRWWOwqvXskL39ufEVu\\_4](https://www.pomona.edu/news/2020/06/22-professor-eric-hurley-discusses-misconceptions-about-african-americans-contribute-racial-divide-us?fbclid=IwAR3cuiXYtwGXIUOJFKiCSzwABer_aLD2I7R5AIfRWWOwqvXskL39ufEVu_4)



# Thanks!

*Any questions ?*



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