

# Desiring Justice in an Unjust World

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## The Shared History of Native Americans and Australian Aboriginals

Greetings Family and Friends-

I am not immune to ignorance. I strive to learn about the world around me, but I am often dismayed at what I don't know and don't see. However, sometimes I find something out that is both new to me and beautiful. Whether I encounter sorrow or joy, these discoveries help me to be a better citizen of God's world, loving more deeply and living with greater hope.

Because of my heart for the Aboriginal people, I have become more aware of the Native Americans here in my own backyard. Their despairingly similar histories are filled with great injustices that continues to play a role in their communities today.

Additionally, learning about Native Americans has given me an even softer heart towards the Aboriginals. There are no easy solutions to the current injustices. I want to be in Australia so that I can hear their hopes and desires as well as their pains and frustrations. By listening first, my training and experience in literacy and community development become more effective.

Ken Wytsma writes "In pursuing justice, we don't need a formula, but a desire to see love reign." Justice is complex and challenging to simply define. However, it is easy to recognize when it is present. I desire to see justice actively living and flourishing in the Aboriginal communities in and around Perth.

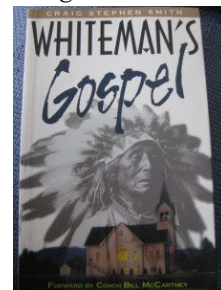
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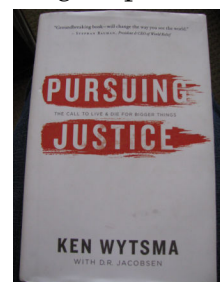
### Book Recommendations

These books have given me a lot of food for thought, and the Whiteman's Gospel has impacted how I think about the American church.

Read them and let me know your thoughts and reactions.



Whiteman's Gospel  
By Craig Stephen Smith



Pursuing Justice  
By Ken Wytsma  
with D.R. Jacobsen

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