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Rethinking Incarceration

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About *Rethinking Incarceration: Advocating for Justice That Restores*:

The United States has five percent of the world's population but 25 percent of the world's incarcerated. We have more people locked up in jails, prisons, and detention centers than any other country in the history of the world. There are more jails and prisons than degree-granting colleges and universities, and in many places more people live behind bars than on college campuses. Mass incarceration has become a lucrative industry, and the criminal justice system is plagued with bias and unjust practices. And the church has unwittingly contributed to these problems.

In *Rethinking Incarceration* Dominique Gilliard explores the history and foundation of mass incarceration, examining Christianity's role in its evolution and expansion. He assesses our nation's ethic of meritocratic justice in light of Scripture and exposes the theologies that embolden mass incarceration. Gilliard then shows how Christians can pursue justice that restores and reconciles, offering creative solutions and highlighting innovative interventions. God's justice is ultimately restorative, not just punitive. Discover how Christians can participate in the restoration and redemption of the incarceration system.

Awards:

Rethinking Incarceration received a coveted [starred review](#) from *Publishers Weekly*, who said “This is an outstanding addition to this incredibly important conversation.”

Rethinking Incarceration won the 2018 InterVarsity Press Reader’s Choice [Book of the Year Award](#).

Rethinking Incarceration was named as one of Outreach Magazine’s 2019 [Resources of the Year](#).

Institutions of higher education that have used *Rethinking Incarceration* as a core text:

Wheaton College Graduate School

Azusa Pacific University

Fuller Theological Seminary

Fresno Pacific University

Howard Divinity School

Shaw Divinity School

North Park Theological Seminary

Houghton College

Mid-America Christian University

North Park University

Kilns College

Point Loma Nazarene University

Delta State University

Eastern Nazarene College

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UNC Charlotte

Nyack College

Mercyhurst University

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