

AT THE RIVER I STAND VIDEO DISCUSSION GUIDE

To prepare for discussion:

- View video ahead of time so that you gain familiarity with the subject matter.
- Have flip chart paper and markers available to record answers during the discussion.

PRE – VIDEO: GROUP BRAINSTORM

What issues do we associate with the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. ?

Possible answers: equality before the law, diversity, civil rights, rallying people through religion, strength in numbers.

VIEW VIDEO

POST – VIDEO: IMMEDIATE REACTIONS

The purpose of this section is to illicit initial reaction to the video.

- If group is 15 people or fewer, stay together as a group and ask each person in turn to give a brief reaction to video.
- If group has more than 15 people, break into pairs and have individuals speak for 3-5 minutes each on their initial reaction to the video.

POST – VIDEO: FACILITATE DISCUSSION

1. What do you think King meant by “the promised land”?
Possible answers: racial harmony, fair wages, good working conditions
2. What were the troubles in 1968 as seen in the video?
Possible answers: racism, unsafe working conditions, intimidation
3. What troubles do you see around you today? What troubles exist today for low-wage workers.
4. What troubles today are like the troubles during 1968? What troubles today are unlike the troubles during 1968? Why have these either persisted or changed? (i.e. attitudes, legislation, world events)?
5. What is your vision of a Promised land today? What would it look like? What do we need to do to get there?