



## **ABHM Book Club Discussion Guide**

**January 24, 2026 at 1:30 PM CT**

***Where Do We Go From Here* by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

### **How to Use this Guide:**

[America's Black Holocaust Museum](#) staff created this guide to assist in reading and discussion of *Where Do We Go From Here*. Please feel free to print a copy and keep it with your book as you lend to friends and others who are interested. Do not expect to get through all of the questions during the upcoming meeting nor in one sitting. Perhaps consider them as conversation starters or an invitation to reflect more deeply about this book.

### **Suggested Questions for Discussion:**

1. Dr. King begins the book by discussing what his current moment looked like. Did you notice any parallels between his experiences and our current moment?
2. Nonviolence and Black Power are often pitted as opposing ends of the civil rights spectrum but Dr. King adds some nuance and compassion. What does he believe contributed to the rise of Black Power as a movement and slogan? What do these agreements and disagreements reveal about the way social movements function?
3. This year, the United States is celebrating its 250th anniversary. In what ways is Dr. King reflecting on the Declaration of Independence and American ideals in this book? Where does he see the country falling short in these ideals? How far do we still need to go today? What is your dream for U.S. in the next 250 years?
4. Why does Dr. King feel it is important that there are Interracial coalitions within the Civil Rights movement of his time? How can class consciousness bring people together around the issues addressed within the movement?

5. Both Dr. King and Dr. Cameron had philosophies that centralized love in their work. Do you agree that love should be a core focus for social movements? If so, why?
6. While he is writing this book, Dr. King is staying in Chicago and studying racism within the cities of the North. How are the problems with racism in the North as described by Dr. King different or similar to the South? How were some of the issues described there similar to the ones we have faced and are facing in Milwaukee?
7. Some male leaders of the Civil Rights movement have been criticized for their patriarchal views and this induces Dr. King. What were some of the blind spots in Dr. King's views on the needs and roles of Black men and women? Based on previous books we've read as a book club, who were some women that challenged him on his understanding of gender roles?
8. The Civil Rights movement was an intergenerational endeavor with people of all ages participating in whatever capacity they could. What were Dr. King's views on the role of young people in the movement? What did he believe they needed going forward? What are young people doing in our current moment in response to a rapidly changing world around them?
9. Dr. King is arguably one of the most influential thinkers of the last century with his words echoed every Dr. King Day and Black History Month. How does this book add layers and shades of gray to the King that exists in our public collective memory? Does *Where Do Go From Here* King have ideas and goals that perhaps contradict or challenge the King in our public consciousness?
10. How can this book and the philosophy and memory of Dr. King guide us in our current moment?