

## **The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Social Justice Challenge**

### **Scripture Reference Matthew 22:37-40; Matthew 25:31-40**

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was an activist for civil rights. Much of his work focused on what we now call social justice. Social justice creates a fair and equal society by addressing and rectifying inequalities in wealth, opportunities, and privilege. It ensures that all individuals have equal access to resources, rights, and opportunities, regardless of their background, identity, or socioeconomic status. To honor the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., intergenerational activities for churches involving social justice include but are not limited to the following:

Questions for journalling/discussion:

- How do you define justice? How does it differ from the definition of justice?
- How does privilege influence justice?
- What are the responsibilities of the individual regarding social justice?

### **Matthew 22:37-40; Matthew 25:31-40**

- What do these scriptures teach you about social justice?
- What do they inspire you to do?
- What did your group or church do this year as part of this challenge in regard to social justice?

Resources include: **The Holy Bible**, *Speak Up* by Paul Miranda, or *How to be a Social Justice Advocate* by A. Raheema Moultry.

Other references can be obtained from websites or service locations such as shelters, hospitals, food banks, etc.

For further consideration:

#### **A. Sponsor an Intergenerational MLK Day of Service:**

- Host a book drive for a classrooms or tutoring services or intergenerational communities
- Promote healthcare: sponsor blood pressure drive, teach practical sanitary habits, or quick exercises
- Demonstrate environmental justice: removing trash, sending letters to legislators asking for support of environmental laws and policies
- Collect for distribution coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. for the homeless.
- Make sandwiches or a bag lunch for the homeless.

- Visit a senior citizen establishment and read to the seniors.
- B. Make an intergenerational recording of part of this speech. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" Speech - video.
- C. Have youth or adults share their thoughts on one of Dr. King's speeches.

Activities must be completed by January 31, 2025. Discussion responses on six questions, videos, pictures and receipts, if applicable should be submitted to [info@Reimagineigc.org](mailto:info@Reimagineigc.org) by February 15, 2025.