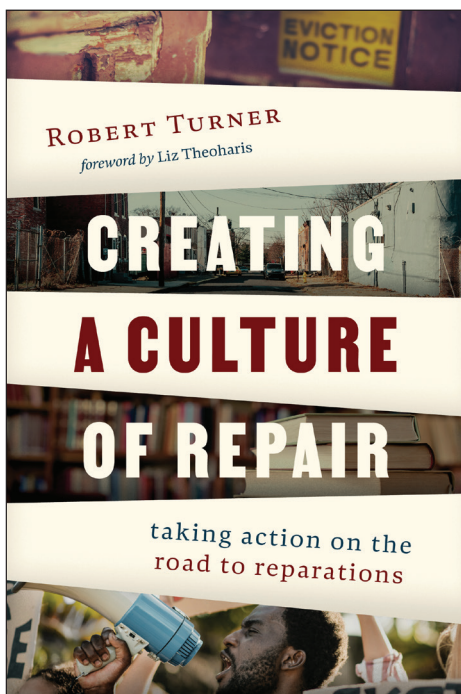


Book Club Questions for Robert Turner's *Creating a Culture of Repair*



What were your thoughts on reparations before reading this book? How has your perspective changed or grown over the course of reading this book?

As a pastor, the author references the Bible in making his case for reparations. Does your faith motivate you to take action for reparations? If so, how?

What new information have you learned about African American history or the experience of African Americans today? What do you want to learn more about?

Reflecting on the four areas of reparations the author discusses—individual, societal, institutional, and spiritual—in which area do you feel most motivated to engage? With which area do you feel least confident engaging?

Are there acts of individual reparations have you practiced before? Are there any you feel committed to practicing in the future?

Are you aware of ways your neighborhood, business, or community organization has perpetuated racism in the past or present? What acts of societal reparations do you think they need to prioritize and how can you advocate for those actions?

Do you agree with the author that institutional reparations are “the most comprehensive and truest form of justice and accountability” and that injustice “requires systemic solutions that can only be enacted by governmental institutions”? (p. 71) Why or why not?

Have you or your ancestors benefited from government policies like a government-backed, low-interest home loan; Social Security; or the GI Bill? How would your family’s life be different if those benefits had not been available to you? In what other ways do government policies or actions—or the absence thereof—affect your life, for better or worse?

The author explores how various areas of institutional racism (e.g., criminal justice, housing, education, health) interact with one another and affect generation after generation. What actions stand out to you as being integral to breaking cycles of oppression? What can you personally do to advance that institutional action?

Does your church talk about racial justice? Is it taking steps toward spiritual reparations? If you are not involved in a church, where do you see faith communities promoting or hindering racial equality and justice?

How do you think the U.S. would be different after reparations are made to Black Americans? Describe the world you envision.

From whom do you expect to encounter resistance while practicing or advocating for reparative actions? How can you prepare to stand up to or work through this resistance?

Fill in the blanks to make your public commitment to taking action toward reparations:

Before I go to bed tonight, I will _____.

This week, I will contact _____ and ask them to _____.

The next election in my area is _____. I will vote for candidates who _____.

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