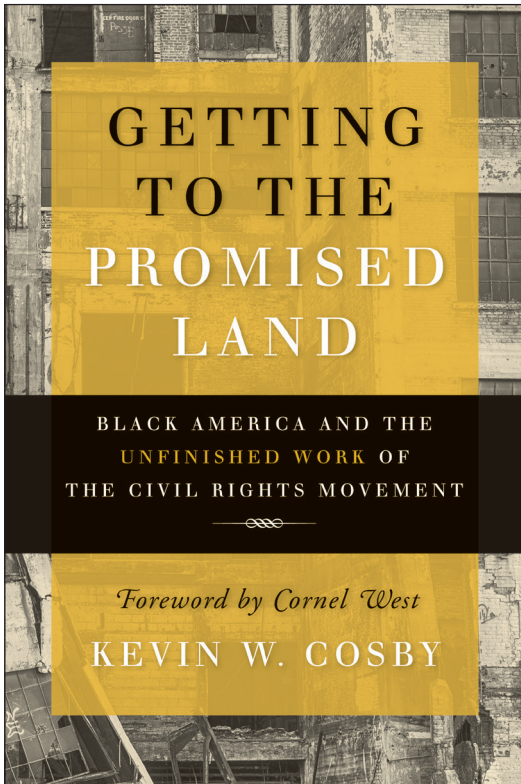


Book Club Questions for Kevin W. Cosby's *Getting to the Promised Land*



In the preface, Dr. Cosby tells of his personal journey and commitment to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s statement that "we, as a people, will get to the promised land." What has been your journey in understanding the struggle for justice for Black Americans?

Dr. Cosby suggests that the church should make a paradigm shift and use Nehemiah instead of Moses for best insights into the struggle for racial justice. How can the Nehemiah model be helpful today?

Dr. Cosby says that Black people are not beggars but rather builders, and after four hundred years of free labor, white America wrote a check to Black America that came back marked "Insufficient Funds." What debt is owed descendants of slavery?

Dr. Cosby maintains that Black Americans continually join coalitions with other groups seeking justice, but seldom benefit from their efforts. He calls for a singular focus to repair Black America. What has been your experience with coalition movements?

In Chapter 5 the author asserts that Black political leaders have allowed white supremacy to redefine Blackness and water down the unique justice claim of ADOS. How does expanding the definition of a racial group hurt its cause?

Chapter 6 tells the story of Southern Seminary, a Baptist seminary who confessed its sin of racism but refused to entertain reparations. Can there be justice without reparations?

Chapter 8 reminds us that when Nehemiah heard about the situation of the people in his home country, he wept. Dr. Cosby says that more ADOS leaders need to weep for the situation of the majority of Black America and commit themselves to its healing. Where have you seen examples of this?

Chapter 10 tells the story of Ella Baker, a great leader, yet disrespected by other charismatic leaders. What are the characteristics of a model leader?

How has this book changed your thinking about what needs to be done to heal Black America?

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