

Please discuss your reactions to *At the River I Stand* with others at your table. Encourage everyone in your group to share their thoughts. Refer to the following questions and/or ask your own.

1) What does the film reveal about the connection between labor and civil rights?

2) Why was the statement “I am a man” so powerful?

3) Why and how did the broader community in Memphis become involved in the sanitation workers’ struggle?

4) Why and how did labor leaders, African American activists and others around the country become involved in the sanitation workers’ struggle?

5) Tensions over tactics (violent, non-violent, etc.) within social movements still exist. What lessons can we gain from the film’s examination of these differences?

6) Do you feel that the issues raised by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. in his last days have been addressed? Why/ why not?

7) The sanitation workers began organizing before they had the official support of the national union. What can we learn from this?

8) What does the legacy of the Memphis strike mean for your work within the UFCW today?

9) What can we learn from the Memphis strike in terms of the recent attack on public jobs and services?