



# Juneteenth

## FAITH & FREEDOM

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Feel free to use these questions as discussion starters after you've watched the film.**

- 1 What did you learn about Juneteenth that you didn't know before watching the film?
- 2 Historian Sam Collins said that the legacy of the sugar plantation was "grand but not great." What do you think he meant by that?
- 3 What does the "Slave Bible" Lisa Fields describes say about how Christianity was distorted to support slavery? What do stories like the exodus account reveal about the importance of physical and spiritual freedom in the Bible?
- 4 According to Dr. Carey Latimore, what was so significant about Black soldiers being part of the liberation of the enslaved in Texas?
- 5 In Freedmen's Town, Rev. Jack Yates planted churches and started schools and businesses. What connection did he see between his ministry and civic service?
- 6 What challenges emerged for the emancipated after June 19, 1865?
- 7 Ms. Opal Lee said, "none of us are free until we're all free." What do you think that means?
- 8 Imagine an enslaved person discovering passages like Luke 4:18–19. What might be the reaction of someone enslaved hearing Jesus describe his purpose in this way?
- 9 General Order #3, which announced freedom in Texas in 1865, called for "absolute equality." In what ways do you see the struggle for "absolute equality" today?
- 10 How can we live out the message of Juneteenth in our lives today?