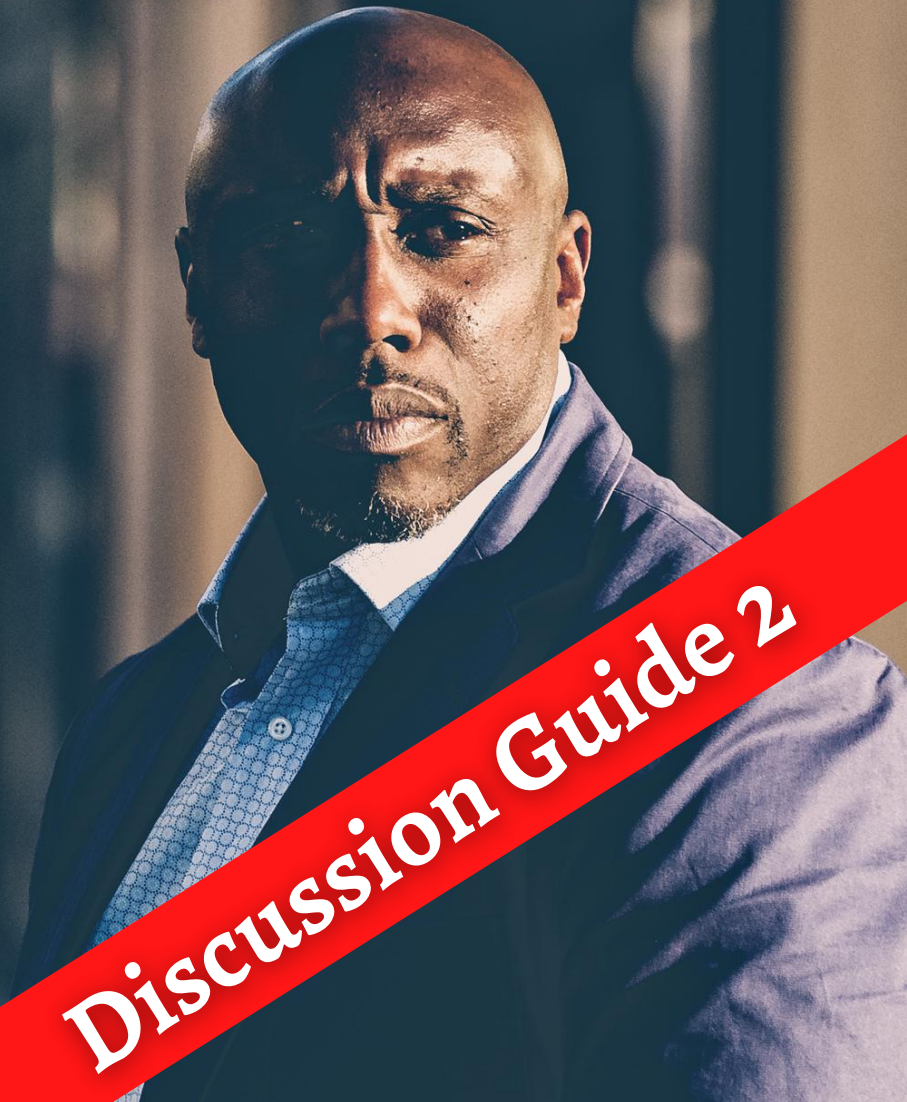


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Discussion Guide 2



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Webinar #2

Living Our WORK: Witness, Organization, Relational Power, Knowledge

Objective of this webinar: Expand on *Holding Up Your Corner* to focus on dismantling racism, healing souls, and living into grace with justice—in our individual lives as leaders and in our communities.

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

The previous session focused on our own predispositions, our learned attitudes and beliefs, and on our driving passions. This session helps us to focus on our own communities and their needs, resources, and commitments.

What in Chapter Two of *Holding Up Your Corner* resonates with you as a leader?

What parallels do you see in the story of the paralytic with your own community?

As we prepare to WORK, the Empathic Model of Transformation provides a framework for developing measurable transformation.

What new concepts did you learn from reading Chapters Three and Four?

What can you Acknowledge about injustice and need in your community now, and how has your understanding changed in the last few months/years?

Chapter Four talks about hearing and hollering.

Describe your community's hearing—What is heard, unheard?

Who is hollering, and why?

What might positive change look like for your community and the individuals who live there, in terms of justice?

Let's add another 'A' to Acknowledge and Affirm: Acquiring Knowledge:

What will you/your team covenant to read and learn together in order to establish a common ground for practicing equity instead of cultural assimilation?

(Willis teaches on learning and unlearning covenants based up desired outcomes in 12 weeks blocks.)

Multiplication: How do you move community building into greater community?

How can you go from one corner to another corner?

I/We Acknowledge _____

I/We Affirm _____

I/We Commit to One Key Action _____

Redefine injustice and justice.

What are the community actions that God is calling each person to take?

Define your steps forward.

What will you decide and do *daily* to live as a member of beloved community?

Now what? What is your living hope?

- <https://www.abingdonpress.com/holdingupyourcorner/> - Review additional resources and facilitator guide
- Beloved Community <https://www.gcorr.org/25-traits-of-the-beloved-community-2/>
- Our Story <https://www.gcorr.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/This-is-Our-Story-This-is-Our-Song.pdf>