

Color of Law Book Study Questions
Session 4 – April 29

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Topic – Housing, Social Determinants and their Impacts (Chapter 5)

1. **Theme: Exodus**¹

The FHA and its practices were instrumental in creating segregated, so-called “red-lined” communities in cities across our nation. How does where you live affect your health and life expectancy?

2. **Theme: Them Belly Full (But We Hungry)**

What are some of the problems people of color face that directly or indirectly affect their health and life expectancy?

3. **Theme: Stir It Up**

Through the lens of health and mortality rates, what does justice look like to you?

4. **Theme: Redemption Song**

Through what we’ve learned in *The Color of Law* and from Dr. Cooper, we now know that the causes of racial health disparities are not merely *de facto* but *de jure*, in that laws and conscious bureaucratic practices are largely to blame. As people of faith, how does this make you feel?

5. **Theme: Get Up, Stand Up**

What are some things that can be done to help narrow the gap between white health/longevity and that of people of color?

¹ So taken by the use of James Brown’s songs as a thematic basis for the questions last week, we have channeled the revolutionary prophet, Bob Marley, in continuing a thematic approach this week.