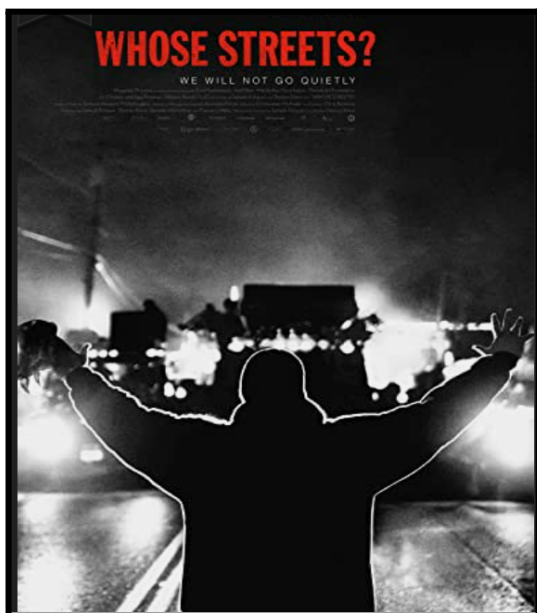



 EXPLORING & CONFRONTING
OUR RACISM

Our next film discussion will be Monday, May 15, 2023



Whose Streets? is a film told by the activists and leaders who lived and breathed a movement for justice. *Whose Streets?* is an unflinching look at the Ferguson uprising that occurred when unarmed teenager Michael Brown was killed by police and left lying in the street for hours.

It is a breaking point for the residents of St. Louis, Missouri who have suffered grief, long-standing racial tensions and renewed anger. The murder of Michael Brown brings residents together for prayer vigils and protests. Empowered parents, artists, and teachers from around the country come together as freedom fighters.

The Movie can be rented on Amazon prime, YouTube, Vudu or Redbox. The DVD can be purchased online at Walmart. The online video can be purchased on Amazon, Apple TV, Youtube and Vudu.

Season 3 - Discussion #8 - *Whose Streets?*

Michael Brown Jr - murdered by police
 Michael Brown Sr - father of Michael Brown
 Lesley McSpadden - mother of Michael Brown

Study Guide Questions

1. Describe the circumstances of Michael Brown Jr death on August 9, 2014.



2. A riot is defined as a form of civil disorder commonly characterized by a group lashing out in a violent public disturbance against authority, property, or people. An activist defines a riot as the language of the unheard. Do you think that the people of Ferguson were rioting or righteously expressing themselves? Explain your answer.

3. What caused the police to come out in force when the people of Ferguson gathered to protest? The people chanted:

It is our duty to fight for our freedom. It is our duty to win.

We must love and support each other. We have nothing to lose but our chains.

Was there another way for the police to respond? Did they really need the National Guard’s support along with weapons used to fight wars? How can we help to “Disrupt the police”?

4. We have seen White people shoot African Americans and claim self defense. Recently, Ralph Yarl was shot in Kansas City, Missouri after the African American teenager had mistakenly gone to the wrong home and knocked on the door. Why do White people in America continue to kill with impunity?

<p>What would your comments have been about this incident five years ago?</p>	<p>What do you think now?</p>
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5. During our journey to confront racism, was there anything that you learned that made you uncomfortable?

Challenge Actions for our meeting May 15, 2023

- Consider reading this article from AP News [Homeowner who shot Ralph Yarl pleads not guilty \(April 19, 2023\)](#)
- Consider reading this article from the Brookings Institution. [Killings of Black Men by Whites are Far More Likely to be Ruled “Justifiable” \(August 2017\)](#)

If you stick a knife in my back nine inches and pull it out six inches, there's no progress.

If you pull it all the way out that's not progress.

Progress is healing the wound that the blow made.

And they haven't even pulled the knife out much less heal the wound.

They won't even admit the knife is there.

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