Conversations of the Valley

Racial Justice
Listening and Learning
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What Happened in this Region to Create the Disparities that Black Americans Continue to Experience Today?
Discuss how political equality did not equal social equality

Starter Questions:
• If you were Douglass, would you confront your friend and host about the hotel policy? If so, what would you say?
• How aware do you think Douglass’s friend was about the discriminatory practice his own hotel enforced?
• Is this practice a precursor of present-day racial patterns in housing, school enrollment, church membership and civic/cultural participation?
Discuss the challenge of bridging parallel worlds

Starter Questions:
• Why is it important to participate in any struggle?
• Why is it important to be seen in a struggle?
• How does the spirit of unity continue after the defining moment passes? Must it, if it doesn't occur naturally?
• Is race, in fact, and after our history, the great and insurmountable divide?
Thank You!

Please join us for the final two sessions in the series
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**March 17:** *Dakota Travelways in the St. Croix River Valley* featuring artist and teacher [Gwen Westerman](#)

**May 19:** *Eliminating the Power of Racial Stereotypes Through Authentic Relationships* featuring author [Alexs Pate](#)