

5 WAYS TO EDUCATE YOUR TEAM ABOUT BRYAN STEVENSON

QUOTES:

- "The opposite of poverty isn't wealth. The opposite of poverty is justice."
- "You don't change the world with the ideas in your mind, but with the conviction in your heart."
- "Somebody has to stand when other people are sitting. Somebody has to speak when other people are quiet."

LEARN:

- Start a book club with colleagues and read Stevenson's memoir *Just Mercy*.
- Review Stevenson's [website](#) as a group and [watch the library of videos](#) they provide.
- Read the article [The Teen Brain: It's Just Not Grown Up Yet](#) and discuss if the information changes your view on children in prison.

GET SOCIAL:

- Follow Bryan Stevenson's organization, Equal Justice Initiative, on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

CONVERSATION STARTERS FROM THE JUST MERCY DISCUSSION GUIDE:

- Research *Loving v. Virginia*. What surprises you about this case? Do you think these issues are still relevant in our current times?
- Does your state have Stand Your Ground laws? Do you support them? Why or why not?
- Describe the 1982 Supreme Court ruling related to death penalty appeals. What impact did that have across the country?
- How does diversity in a jury affect its deliberations?
- Is justice being served when children are sentenced to die in prison?
- Did your state play a role in the massive deinstitutionalization rates of the 1990s? What impact do those actions have on today's society?
- What is the Eighth Amendment and what are its origins?
- Why are wrongful convictions and illegal trials involving young children very common?

TED TALKS:

- Educate your team on what [TED Talks](#) are and what purpose they serve prior to viewing the video.
- Watch Bryan Stevenson's TED Talk at a staff meeting, followed by a discussion/debrief. [We Need to Talk About an Injustice](#)
- Have a Q&A to see who knows about Bryan Stevenson.
- Share a major message followed by the video that coincides.

