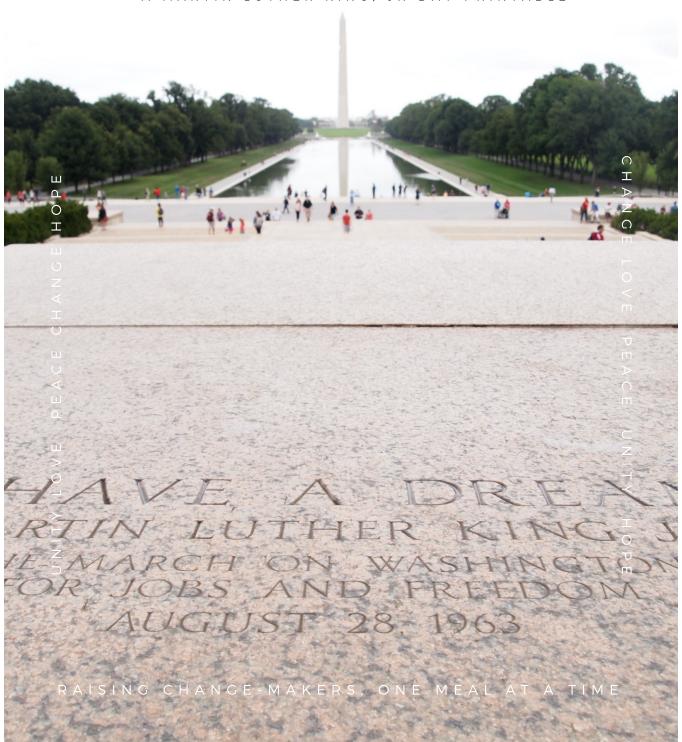
## AT THE TABLE DISCUSSION STARTERS

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Use your meal time as a time to build up change-makers.

- 1. Start by planning to give your family lots of grace. Don't expect fully thoughtful answers and complete attention. Do expect that they'll hear you either way, even if their responses aren't quite as mature as you hope. It's a start.
- 2. Get the kids involved by asking them to cut these out and place them in the center of your table.
- 3. Have kids pick question to ask the family. Maybe a couple at each meal for a week.
- 4. Don't give up. If they try to give an opinion, hear them out, even if siblings are not. Your desire to build-up heart and character will make an impact.

## Why do you think Martin Luther King's birthday was made into a special holiday?

## What does the word racism mean?

In his famous, "I Have a Dream" speech, Martin said, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. " Do you think his dream has come true? Why is character more important than skin color?

Have you ever heard or seen anyone be racist, or be mean to someone because of how they look, what they believe or where they are from? MLK once said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." What do you think he meant by this? Why do you think he talked a lot about not being silent? And, what things matter to you? To God?

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy to a friend." How can love help turn someone from your enemy to your friend?

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" Why do you think it is urgent that we ask ourselves this? What are you doing for others?

God is so creative. He made people with all kinds of different skin, hair and eye colors. He made different voices and different talents. Why do you think He did this?

Why might it be a good idea to get to know people who aren't just like you? Maybe who don't always agree with you?