

## Charles Harrison Mason (1864-1961)

### Critical Thinking Questions

*Use these questions to foster respectful and interesting discussions for your class.*

#### K-2

What makes someone a good leader? What Black leaders have you learned about? What type of leader would you like to be?

Why are there so many kinds of churches? How are these churches different from each other? How are they the same?

Why was church life so important for Black people after slavery? What organizations in your community help people in need?

#### Grades 3-5

What qualities should a good leader have? What does it mean to pioneer a movement? Describe a historical figure that accomplished something that no one else had before. If you could invent something or start a club, how would it help people?

How many kinds of churches or religious groups can you name? How are churches different from one another? Why do we have so many different churches?

In what ways was church life important for Black people after slavery? What about today? What organizations in your community help people in need?

What does supernatural mean? If someone you know was miraculously healed of a disease, how would you respond? Why do some people not believe in miracles? Why did Mason believe in miracles?

#### Grades 6-8

What attributes and virtues do a person need who wants to be a leader? What does it mean to pioneer a movement? Describe a historical figure that accomplished something that no one else had before. Why do people join political or religious movements? If you could invent something or start a club, how would it help people?

How many kinds of churches or religious groups can you name? How are churches different from one another? Why do we have so many different churches? Are churches divided by race or ethnicity?

In what ways was religious life important for Black people after slavery? What about today? What organizations in your community help people in need?

Why would Black people divide over religious doctrine or worship styles? Does unity mean total agreement?

What does supernatural mean? If someone you know was miraculously healed of a disease, how would you respond? What do some people not believe in miracles? Why did Mason believe in miracles?

What obstacles did Mason's family overcome that fueled him to pursue his calling? What obstacles do your family face right now that need to be overcome?

How can you be an agent of your family's uplift?