**Childhood – #1**

1. *Why did this moment stick with James Lawson – what was it that made this a life-changing experience for him?*
2. *Do you agree with Mrs. Lawson’s point of view / advice to her son? Why or why not?*
3. *In what way does a sense of “right and wrong” play a role in the nonviolent action movement Lawson would go on to lead?*

**Conscientious Objector – #2**

1. *What were the two main factors that James Lawson came across in high school that led him to consider pacifism (the belief that any violence, including war, is unjustifiable under any circumstances, and that all disputes should be settled by peaceful means)?*
2. *At 18, when he was required to register for the draft, what was the personal struggle he faced?*
3. *What could have James Lawson done to resolve the problem without having to go to prison … and why didn’t he do it?*
4. *Why do you think James Lawson was used to as an example, and imprisoned?*

**Time in India – #3**

1. *How did James Lawson wind up in India, and what did he do there?*
2. *In what way did this three-year period of his life help to shape his convictions regarding nonviolent action?*
3. *How did James Lawson know when it was time to “come home” to the US?*
4. *Although he didn’t yet know him yet, reading about him from afar, how did James Lawson feel about Martin Luther King, Jr.?*

**Meeting MLK - #4**

1. *What did James Lawson and MLK, Jr. have in common?*
2. *What made James Lawson stand out to MLK in their first meeting? Given how recently they had met, what surprising request did MLK make to James Lawson?*
3. *How dramatically did James Lawson’s life plan change after this meeting?*