SisterSong defines Reproductive Justice as “an intersectional theoretical analysis defined by the human rights framework applicable to everyone, and based on concepts of intersectionality and the practice of self-help. It is also a base-building strategy for our movement that requires multi-issue, cross-sector collaborations. It also offers a different perspective on human rights violations that challenge us in controlling our bodies and determining the destiny of our families and communities.” What is your understanding of Reproductive Justice?

Obtaining an abortion has increasingly become difficult for low income Black people. Which societal barriers do you see impacting this reality?

Share one or more African Black Reproductive Justice activists you want to celebrate!

How would our communities be different if we trusted Black women and Black people who can get pregnant to make decisions about their bodies?

Which barriers to Reproductive Justice currently exist in your state?

How can we connect Reproductive Justice to other issues such as criminalization, poverty, immigration, transphobia, climate change, and others that are important to you?

What laws, policies, and practices around Reproductive Justice impact the self-determination and bodily autonomy of Black people?

We can’t all do everything, but we can all do something. What is one thing you can do, or would like to see others do, to be in solidarity with Black people accessing abortion and other reproductive options?
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| What role do you think culture plays in how we understand abortion access? |
| What Black organizations have shaped what you know about Reproductive Justice? |
| How do you handle conversations about abortion access and racism? What are your strengths? Where do you need support? |

| In what ways do you benefit from anti-Blackness? In what way does it harm you and others? |
| Why is it important to fight against body weight restrictions on abortions? |
| How have you been socialized within an oppressive culture to center dominant social groups based on gender, class, age, sexuality, religion or a combination of these or more? |

| Everyone is affected in a country impacted by racism and economic inequality. What is one way that you can personally commit (or have already committed) to the liberation of Black people and our collective liberation? |
| How have you experienced or witnessed medical fatphobia leading to Black people not getting reproductive care? |

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What scares you and what excites you about talking about the intersections of racism and abortion access?

How do all-Black spaces open up possibilities for autonomy? If you are Black and have been in an all-Black space, what made you feel empowered? If you haven’t felt empowered, what’s missing?

How have you been socialized within an oppressive culture to treat transpeople accessing reproductive care?

What ways can your organization support Black transwomen? Name some Black transwomen in our movement you want to lift up and honor.

Deaths of Black people during pregnancy or within 42 days of delivery are steadily increasing. What can our doctors, nurses, and hospitals do to change this reality?

How could the abortion access movement invest more in Black leadership? What would change if our movement made this investment?

What would you like to see change in the abortion access movement when it comes to intersectionality and Reproductive Justice?

Abortion is often a parenting decision — over 60% of people who have abortions are already parenting a child, and a third have two or more children. Historically, some people have been prevented from not being parents and some people have been prevented from being parents. What factors contribute to this in your family and your community?
Did you know that doulas are instrumental in lowering deaths of newborns? How does this land with you?

Young people are on the front lines fighting with us to make Reproductive Justice possible. What is one way you can support a young person in your life to access reproductive autonomy?

Did you know that when water pipes are polluted by lead this increases miscarriages? This is happening in communities of color such as in Flint, Michigan. What are other ways you have experienced environmental justice, water justice, and Reproductive Justice intersect?

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