

SAME KIND OF DIFFERENT AS ME

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you think of the movie, what word comes to mind?
2. Have you ever done anything, whether at work or in a volunteer scenario, where you were a fish out of water? How did you respond? What did you learn?
3. Have you ever changed your schedule — squeezed something extra in — to help someone? What happened to your schedule — did you feel stressed, or did something different happen?
4. In the movie, Debbie Hall pampered the ladies with a special time for hair and makeup. This small gesture of kindness led to two women sharing a vulnerable moment and ministering to each other's souls. Was there ever a time when a small act of kindness was extended to you or your family? How did it make you feel? What changed as a result — in you, in a relationship, etc? What did you learn?
5. Greg Kinnear, the actor who plays Ron Hall, said this about the story: "Denver Moore and Ron Hall did more than most to shine a light on the plight of homelessness and, in doing so, revealed that perhaps the most powerful tool in battling homelessness is to simply engage the people around us whose circumstances have left them with less." What can it look like to engage someone?
6. Engaging someone will feel most natural when you're doing something you enjoy. How has God wired you? How do you like to engage — over coffee? Playing Frisbee golf? Crafting?
7. Do an inventory: what are the needs around you — in your church, your neighborhood, or your favorite local ministry? Ask God to show you. It may be helpful to think outside of organized structures. Of those needs, where do your interests line up most closely?
8. What can you, your family, or our small group do to serve those who are most often overlooked and ignored? How can we go beyond transactional living to opt for being truly relational whether we're making a donation, volunteering or simply going through the mechanics of everyday life?



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