

like dandelion dust

Group Discussion Questions

For Group Leaders: These questions can help your small group discuss some of the principles presented in like dandelion dust. Conducting open, frank discussions on spiritual topics can often progress in unexpected directions, especially when people are passionate about their beliefs and opinions. Encourage everyone in your group to strive for common ground, focusing on what God's Word says.

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Before you begin this discussion, pray together: *Heavenly Father, please give us ears to hear and eyes to see what You want to show us through this movie. Please help us align our feelings and our beliefs with the truth of Your Word. Amen.*

1. As you think about the film, what stands out to you the most? What's your primary reaction to Wendy's decision to give Joey back to Molly and Jack? What about her decision to stay with Rip? Do you agree or disagree?
2. Twice Wendy made the decision to surrender her child because it's the best thing for him. What do you think gives her the courage to do this? What is your first response when you're challenged to love sacrificially? Is it easy or difficult for you? Explain.
3. The Bible tells a story of a man who had to give up his only son. Read Genesis 22:1-18. What is similar about this story and the story in the film? What is different?
4. Jack tries everything he can think of to keep Joey, but still fails. When have you experienced defeat after a desperate try? Where did you turn for help?
5. Molly's sister Beth believed that reporting her sister's illegal actions was the right thing to do. What was your reaction to her decision? What did you think of her husband's response? Would you say there's a difference between the "legal" and the "moral"? Give an example.
6. Bill told Beth that "we don't get to choose what God's will is." What areas in your life are you trying to choose God's will? Is it working? Why or why not?
7. Both Jack and Rip try to control the situations in their life but in different ways. How do they handle the situation differently? What could each of them do better?
8. The three couples in this film have different relationships and struggles. If you're married, which couple do you identify with the most? How does observing these relationships change the way you think of your spouse or your relationship with him/her? If you're not married, how do these couples affect the way you think about marriage and commitment?
9. Molly told Jack that she didn't feel like they were on the same team. What dynamics were causing them to fight against each other? What could they have done to maintain a unified front? In times of crisis, what about your closest relationships make enduring crises easier? More difficult?
10. God chose to give up His only Son so that unworthy people could have a relationship with Him. How does this film help you better understand God and His sacrifice?

Hopefully, your discussion time together has offered food for thought for everyone who participated. Before your group leaves, pray together one more time: *Dear God, thank You for this opportunity to meet and to spend time reflecting on Your Word. Please lead us into the truth. Please speak to each of us through Your Spirit and reveal any changes we need to make or things we need to do. Amen.*

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