

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Martin Luther King Jr. dreamed of a day when people would not be “judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.” How does this relate to Ann, Essie, Wanda, and Quan?

Ann, Wanda, and Quan all moved to new homes and were the new kids at school. Why did that take courage?

How did alcohol affect the lives of Ann and Ginny?

How was Essie able to be happy in spite of her unusual skin color?

What are some reasons why people feel they don't fit in?

How did the lives of the characters change?

How does the prayer Essie wrote out relate to Ann?

“Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

How did the setting, including the time period, affect the story?

Can you compare present-day prejudices to the mid-1960s?

Do you think this story was more plot based or character driven?

What was the secret at the end?