**Big Questions**

1. Why is difference sometimes threatening?
2. How much should I give?
3. What, if anything, might limit my giving?
4. What are the causes of injustice and inequality?
5. What prevents us from being compassionate?
6. What is the relationship between money and power?
7. How do we recognize need?
8. How do we know or identify privilege?
9. What assumptions do we make about people who are different - from different races, ethnicities, cultures, economic background?
10. How do we connect with those who are different from us?

**Opening Exercise/Activity**

With both of the options below, the activity can be done first individually where each participant takes some time to reflect individually and then it can stop here or be shared in a pair or shared in the larger group.

*Option 1*

Has there ever been a time in your life when you felt stranded and out of place? Where were you? How did you feel? Think of this time and, when ready, break into pairs and share your story.

*Option 2*

What is something you have learned about a person or the people you serve that has surprised you? Why did it surprise you?

**Clarification Questions**

1. What is going on with the woman?
2. What is your first impression of the woman as she walks through the train station?
3. How do you think the woman would describe the other people at the train station?
4. What assumptions do you think she makes about others?
5. How would you describe the woman's interaction with the African-American man who bumps into her and causes her pursue to fall to the ground? What is her reaction?
6. Why do you think the woman refuses any help in picking up her bags after she drops them?
7. What do you make of the moment when the woman goes to buy the salad, is told it will cost $2, and she says “I'm not sure I have that much”?
8. What was your initial reaction when the woman accused the man of eating her salad? When they start eating at the same time? What, if anything, is at stake in this interaction?
9. Why does the man share his salad and buy the woman a coffee?
10. Why does the woman start eating the salad that the homeless man is eating in the booth?
11. Does the woman's interaction with the homeless man ever change? If so, when and why?
12. Think of yourself in the cook's position. He seems to know what's going on. Is he obligated to say anything? How would you react in his situation?
13. What does the woman think has happened to her bags when she comes back to the booth? Why does she think this?
14. The woman at some point learns that her assumption that the "lunch date" has stolen her salad was incorrect, does she fundamentally change? Does she change at all?
15. Consider the moment after the woman retrieves her bags in the cafe before getting on the train. She passes by a man begging for change and does not acknowledge him. Are we required to pay forward acts of kindness or charity?
16. How do you think the woman feels upon making the second train?
17. Who do you identify with in the film and why?

**Significance and Implication Questions**

1. What lessons does this short film try to teach us?
2. Do you see yourself anywhere in this video? Have you ever mis-perceived a situation similarly before?
3. What role do our perceptions of others play in our service? Can we ever work objectively or will there always pre-judgments in what we do?
4. How do we stereotype one another?
5. What stereotypes exist about people who are homeless? Do these stereotypes effect how people interact with people who are homeless or the larger work of helping people who are homeless?
6. How do assumptions or preconceived ideas about one another foster prejudice? Affect our ability to work successfully toward change?
7. Why is difference sometimes threatening?
8. What prevents us from being compassionate?

**Closing Exercise/Activity**

The below 2 options can be done 1) individually only; or 2) individually and then share in a pair, small group or large group:

*Option 1*

Think back to the opening activity. Has there ever been a time in your life when you were on the reverse side and saw someone stranded and seemingly out of place? How did you react in this situation?

*Option 2*

Identify two assumptions that you have made about the people you serve. Take five minutes to write and reflect about these assumptions.