

Room for Me? Discussion Questions

1. As you reflect on the film, what word or phrase stands out the most?
2. Which statements were the hardest to hear? What gave you hope?
3. Describe what it was like to hear LGBTQ people of faith share the Gospel.
4. "When I think of Jesus, I think of _____."
5. "I am hopeful that the RCA continues to grow in its understanding of the inclusive love that Christ demands." What difference does it make that the speaker doesn't say "grow in its understanding of *same-sex relationships*"? Do you think Jesus *demands* inclusive love?
6. If you could share a meal with anyone from the film, who would it be and what would you want to talk about?
7. As you consider the diversity of the 26 participants (age, gender, orientation, ethnicity, etc.), whose voice were you most surprised to hear? Whose voices are missing?
8. "I live a pretty cool life. It's nothing outrageous." What stereotypes does this address? Does the film challenge any other stereotypes?
9. "We're dealing with people who are ready to die." How does this reality change the conversation around same-sex relationships?
10. One speaker says she "gets that their (non-welcoming churches) intentions are good." What do you think those good intentions are, and how could they be expressed more graciously?
11. Do you think that welcoming and affirming LGBTQ people in the church is an issue that should divide us? How could it be an issue that brings us closer together? What difference would our response communicate to those outside the church?
12. How might the themes of this film apply to other marginalized or misunderstood groups of people in our communities?

Additional Questions:

1. How would you answer the four questions in the film?
2. What difference would it make if the film were titled "Room for Me" with no punctuation rather than "Room for Me?" with a question mark?
3. Discuss the statement "God is bigger than anybody I've *allowed* God to be."
4. If you're unable to affirm same-sex relationships, what does it mean to love your LGBTQ neighbor? If you identify as LGBTQ, what does it mean to love your non-affirming neighbor?
5. "Removing the gay/straight dynamic makes it about the love." What polarizations are challenged in Scripture?
6. "I am more than just sexuality." What would it be like if your sexuality were the first category people used to describe you?
7. Where might you turn if you were "the worst thing one could be" in the eyes of your family, community, or church context?
8. How do you think the church as an institution might repair the "psychological and spiritual harm" done to LGBTQ people?
9. When you think of the implications of the hashtag today, in what ways might you use the hashtag #roomforall on social media platforms?