Discussion Questions for *Dinner and a Movie*

1) Who were the characters, and what expectations did you have of them? (i.e. Did you judge their personality, morality, innocence, kindness, socioeconomics, etc?)

2) Randy gives Crystal lilies when he picks her up from prison. What do you think is the meaning, or symbolism, of the lilies?

3) In what ways were you surprised or caught of guard during the film?

4) During the "date" and just before the robbery, a song plays in the background… *Ain't Misbehavin'*... What is the significance of this?

5) What is your experience of dating? How does fear and limitation play into your experience?

6) What is the meaning of love in this film? How does she show Randy love?

7) The encounter they had with each other changed them both… In what ways?

8) Have you ever had an encounter with someone that changed you? In what ways?

9) Talk about these phrases and their meaning...

   "Put yourself out there…" --Crystal

   "This is as bad as it gets…" --Crystal

   "You treated me like a real woman…" --Crystal

Discussion Questions for *Vlad Sings the Blues*

1) What were your expectations or judgements of Vlad when you first saw him getting out of bed?

2) How did your expectations of him change throughout the film?

3) In what ways were you surprised or caught off guard by Vlad?

4) Have you ever found yourself being judgemental of another person by the clothes they wear or job they have? Discuss examples…

5) Discuss the imagery and music used in the film…

6) How do we see “the beauty of humanity” in this film?

7) How does this story relate to you and your experiences?