

MOVIE Discussion GROUP – April 2019
GANDHI – Play Sheet

1. What, in general, most moved you most about this movie / Gandhi's life ?

2. What are your thoughts about Gandhi's outward social action, and the method he practiced "Non-violent civil disobedience" to cause a change in the world, to free his country ?

3. There was a scene early on between Gandhi and his wife, where he threatened to throw her out of the Ashram because she thought she was 'above' the menial task of raking dirt over the latrine. What was the shift you observed in both Gandhi and his wife ?

4. The movie showed Gandhi in court in front of a British judge on a few occasions. What came up in you when Gandhi said 'I am guilty as charged, sir. If you believe in the system of law of your own country, you must inflict upon me the severest penalty.'

5. Gandhi seemed to identify as 'Hindu' yet accepted and didn't judge Muslims and Seiks. In fact at one point Hindus judged him for the fact that he stayed at a Muslim's house. What was the difference in Gandhi's consciousness and the consciousness of the man who was yelling judgments at Gandhi ?

6. What was it about Gandhi's hunger fasts that acted as 'leverage' to motivate people toward peace so effectively? TWICE!

7. What was your reaction when you witnessed the Indians that were engaging in civil disobedience being beaten and NOT fighting back ? Did you turn away, in horror ? Did you wish they would have fought back ? Did you judge the British ? Please share your reaction or response.

8. On the verge of the formation of the country of Pakistan, the area of greatest conflict, Gandhi traveled there where his body was shot and killed. What are your thoughts about that ?