“Pay It Forward” Discussion Questions

Is it possible for individuals to change the world?

What does the world expect of you?

Do you like what the world is?

Has anyone ever done an unexpected kindness for you that made a real difference in your life? Did you feel grateful? How did you express your gratitude? Was it hard for you to accept that kindness? How do you expect others to react when you show them an unexpected kindness?

Do you think it’s hard for people in our society to accept acts of kindness, random or otherwise? Why?

In the movie, Trevor feels that the “pay it forward” things have to be “big.” Do you agree or disagree? Why?

Is it hard for people to turn their lives around? Can you think of any examples you would like to share?

If you were going to start a “pay it forward” project,” what would you choose? How would you start it?

Have you done any small or big acts of kindness or compassion? How did they turn out? How did you feel if they did not turn out as well as you expected?

Do you see any problems with the “pay it forward” idea? What are they?

Is the “pay it forward” idea worthwhile even if it isn’t perfect? What makes it worth doing?