

Discussion Questions for *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*

Some of the major characters to watch for: Fred Rogers, Lloyd Vogel, Andrea Vogel, Jerry Vogel, Lorraine, Joanne Rogers

1. This is, in large part, a story about a leader's empathy, translated into action. Where do we see the best examples of Fred Rogers' empathy?
2. What is the result? How does his awareness of people's feeling and his genuine care for people transform them, in ways large and small?
3. Rogers also offers an illustration of the power of gentleness. What is it about gentleness that may influence others?
4. Rogers seems like a passive person, but underlying that is a fiery passion for a cause. What do you make of that seeming disconnect?
5. Comment on Rogers' disciplines or activities that affect him from the inside out—his approach to prayer, his swimming, his pounding of piano keys, praying for people by name, etc. What can we learn from this?