Viewing Party and Group Discussion for The Hate U Give

The movie is available for rent on Amazon Prime for $3.99. You could share your screen so your whole group can watch it at the same time, just remember to share your computer’s sound.

*This is a very well made and important movie. While it is PG-13, it is difficult to watch in parts. Make sure your parents know what you are watching and that you plan on doing a discussion after the film. It has a running time of 2 hours and 13 min.

Questions for after the film (feel free to pick and choose or create your own):

- The movie opens with Starr’s parents talking about how to act when pulled over by the cops. How did that make you feel? Have you ever had that conversation with your parents? If no, how does that make you feel?

- Starr’s dad tells his kids to “know your rights, know your worth.”
  - Have you ever thought about that? What is your worth?

- Starr says, “Slang makes them cool, slang makes me hood.”
  - Have you ever thought about what you can and can’t say around people?
  - Have you ever had to change the way you talk around a group of people?

- How did the shooting scene make you feel?
• After the shooting, Starr’s mom says, “White folk love to brag about diversity, but this is too much diversity for them.”
  o What does that mean?
  o Do you think it’s true? When does diversity become “too much”?

• At Khalil’s funeral the justice worker says, “It’s impossible to be unarmed when our blackness is the weapon they fear.”
  o Have you ever thought of skin color as a weapon?
  o How does that make you feel?
  o Why are we so scared of difference?

• Starr saw two friends killed before she was 16 years old. It’s an unfortunate reality for many kids of color.
  o Can you imagine what that would be like?

• Starr’s white friends said and did things that were racist and didn’t even realize it. How can we be more aware so we don’t unintentionally hurt people?

• In her interview, Starr says, “I didn’t know a dead person could be charged with his own murder!” when they only wanted to talk about what Khalil did wrong.
  o Why do you think people focus on what the victim did wrong?

• How do you feel about how quickly the police altercations escalated? Do you think it would have been the same if they were white?

• Starr’s dad says, “When you ready to talk, you talk. Don’t ever let nobody make you be quiet.”
  o What keeps you quiet when you see injustice?

• Starr stood up to her friends. How can you have the bravery to stand up to those close to you when you know they are wrong?

• Starr thinks she has to live a double life to fit in. Do you know what that’s like?

• Starr tells Chris, “If you don’t see my blackness you don’t see me.”
  o How does colorblindness create more damage even when it’s said with good intention?

• What did you think of the conversation Starr has with her uncle about the differences between black and white traffic stops?

• What does it say when protests and violence are the only way people feel they can be heard?

• THUG—The Hate U Give—At the end of the movie Starr says the hate you give little kids screws everyone when her little brother pulls a gun in an argument.
  o Do you agree with that?
  o How do we break the cycle?