

Talk Amongst Yourselves Questions

"Falling Awake"

1. Grief sometimes takes time to unfold and be reconciled. Have you ever experienced a loss and it has taken months even years for you to really feel the reality of the loss?
2. What do you think happened to the son of the main characters?
3. Was there a symbolic point to Harold slowly bringing out the furniture from their house?
4. Couples, family groups, communities experience loss in different ways. That is part of the reason why grief and reconciling loss can feel so isolating even in community. Have you ever observed a community or family experience loss? What were the reactions you observed?
5. What is the main point of this production?
6. Loss and grief are by products of the realization that there is a new reality to life. What you knew before is no longer your understanding of the world. Not only does one grieve the loss of the thing they hold dear, they also grieve the loss of their familiarity and understanding of the world they knew before the loss was ushered in. Have you ever experienced this? Have you ever journeyed with someone who is trying to reconcile their new reality?