Discussion and reflection questions

**Which Way Home**

**Before/After Reflection activity:** Before viewing the film, take a few minutes to identify your current perspectives on immigration. Answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper or in a journal.

1. I assume that immigrants _______
2. The adjectives that I would use to describe immigrants are ______
3. Questions I have about immigration are _______
4. Describe a personal experience with immigrants: _______

After viewing the film, reflect and answer the following questions.

1. What are your initial thoughts and reactions?
2. What changed or shifted as a result of viewing this film? What was reinforced?
3. What words, phrases or images struck you?
4. What character in the film did you relate to the most? Why?

Questions for discussion:

1. What are some of the factors influencing the decision of the children in WHICH WAY HOME to attempt their journey? How might US policies influence these factors?
2. Did the ages of some of the children profiled in the film surprise you? If so, why? Did their age affect how you viewed their attempts to migrate into the US illegally?
3. What do you think of the Mexican government’s decision to form the “Beta” unit whose purpose is to provide food and medical attention to those attempting to ride the trains?
4. Before watching WHICH WAY HOME, what impressions came to mind when you heard the term “illegal immigrant”? What were the sources of your preconception? In what ways did the film confirm or challenge your ideas?
5. If you were in the same economic, personal, or social situations as Fito, Kevin or Yurico, would you consider traveling alone and risking your life on the trains in order to enter the US?
6. What are the most migrant-dependent industries in your area? All workers are legally entitled to the same workplace protections. Do you think there are barriers for undocumented workers in asserting those rights?
7. Why have so many parents of these children been so desperate for work that they come to the US and work for low wages? Do you think any law will discourage or prevent situations such as this without economic changes also being made?

8. Read the following scripture passages and discuss what you are being asked to do in light of the undocumented immigrants in our midst. Does this challenge your thinking or affirm your thinking?

   • *Love your neighbor as yourself.* —Mark 12:31

   • *Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.* —Romans 12:13

9. How can you, as an individual, raise further awareness of the plight of child migrants and the need for humane immigration policy reform in the US?