The Giver Chapter 5 – Discussion Questions

1. What do you think of the morning dream-telling ritual?

2. At one point, the clean-up of meals is referred to in this chapter. Using evidence from the text, how do you think meals are prepared and served? Explain your thoughts.

3. According to the Book of Rules, why must Jonas start taking a pill every day?

4. Explain in your own words what happened to Jonas (keep it classy!) in this chapter and what effect the pills have on him.

5. Considering the ideas we discussed during our UTOPIA panels, why do you think “Stirrings” are treated with pills in this community?

6. How are you feeling about the society in the book? What have you found so far that the book’s society represses?
The Giver Chapter 6 – Discussion Questions

1. What do you think of the pledge the family has to sign about Gabriel?

2. Why, according to the narrator, would it have been especially sad if they had needed to release Gabriel? What do you think of this?

3. What do you think of the concept of the replacement child?

4. What, if anything, strikes you as strange about the Ceremony of Loss?

5. Does the community distinction between release and Loss make sense to you? Explain.

6. What do you think of the description of the impact Fritz’s transgressions have on the community?

7. Do you think it would be possible in our world to have a match-making service with a 100% success rate, like the one in the community? Explain.

8. What values does the community embrace and encourage?

9. What is interdependence?