Discuss: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cbk980jV7Ao

Validation
⇒ Why do so many people want to be validated by Hugh? What did Hugh do to make people smile?
⇒ What happened to the people that Hugh made smile? Did they begin to validate others?
⇒ Do you think you would be able to validate those around you? Why or why not?

Positivity
⇒ Does someone giving you a compliment make you feel uplifted? Why or why not?
⇒ How does someone telling you positive things about yourself change the way you are feeling? What happened in the movie when Hugh validated the people he interacted with?
⇒ How can positive validation change a person’s outlook? Give examples from the movie.

Determination
⇒ How did Hugh’s constant effort to make Victoria smile affect him? Was he in control of his emotions? Explain.
⇒ What happened to Hugh that he was able to regain his desire to validate? How did Hugh’s emotions change when this happened?
⇒ Do you think you would give up if someone didn’t smile when you validated him or her? Why or why not?
Discuss...

Grief
⇒ What event happened in Victoria’s life that caused her to not want to smile anymore? Do you ever feel like this when something happens in your life?
⇒ Do you think Victoria handled her grief in a good way? Why or why not?

Happiness
⇒ What kind of ripple effect happened when Hugh validated the lady in the wheelchair? How did she change? How did Hugh’s life change?
⇒ How did Hugh’s one simple act of kindness change Victoria’s life? Did Victoria appreciate it?
⇒ In what ways can you make a movement like Hugh did? What can you do to make someone smile today? What makes you smile?

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