

Read chapters 18 & 19 with your small group of 4 and answer the questions in your reading log.

#### Chapter 18 Questions:

- 1) The Giver says, "I didn't give [Rosemary] physical pain. But I gave her loneliness. And I gave her loss." (142). The Giver has mostly given Jonas physical pain (sunburn, broken leg, war); which do you feel is more difficult to endure, physical or psychological pain? Why?
- 2) What happened to Rosemary, the former Receiver?
- 3) What is the Giver's demeanor and emotion at the end of the chapter? What "plan" does he somewhat present to Jonas?

#### Chapter 19 Questions:

- 1) So we now officially know what Release is – state sanctioned, mandated euthanasia. It is used on the Old, the young who do not meet the standards, and people who do not "fit in" to the conformity of Sameness. Are there benefits to this practice (think of Roberto's Release Celebration (pg. 32)? What are the drawbacks?
- 2) Do you think Jonas's father understands what he did to the newchild? Do you believe that the people who Release the Old understand?

#### Chapter 20:

- 1) What do Jonas and the Giver plan to do over the next few months before the December Ceremony?
- 2) What will happen to the memories Jonas has received from the Giver?
- 3) Why do you think it's the ultimate realization as to what Release is that sends Jonas over the edge?

#### Chapter 21 & 22: Homework questions

- 1) Why does Jonas have to leave that very evening? Who goes with him?
- 2) How would you be feeling if you were Jonas right now? Where would you be going, what would you be looking for? What would you be thinking?
- 3) Because Jonas left before he and the Giver were able to enact their plan, what do you think happened to the Community?