

# Discussion questions for 'Children of Shanghai'



1. What were your initial thoughts and emotions as you watched the documentary 'Children of Shanghai'? How did it align with your values and beliefs regarding caring for children who cannot be cared for by their biological parents?
2. Reflecting on Robert Glover's work, what do you think were the most significant challenges he and his team faced in their mission to place children in local loving foster families in China? How can Christians draw inspiration from his perseverance and dedication to helping vulnerable children?
3. The documentary features interviews with the first successful family placements. How did these personal stories impact your understanding of the foster care process in China? How do these stories reflect the Christian principle of caring for orphans and vulnerable children?
4. One of the documentary's themes is the importance of local foster families. How do you think placing children with local families affects their sense of identity and belonging? How can this relate to the Christian concept of community and belonging in the family of Christ?
5. Care for Children's work has impacted the lives of an estimated one million children in China. How does this achievement resonate with you, and what do you think it means for the future of foster care and child welfare in China and across the globe? How can we as Christians contribute to this global mission of child welfare?
6. In the documentary, there may have been moments that touched on the cultural and social aspects of foster care in China. What cultural differences or similarities did you notice, and how do they affect the foster care process? How can understanding and respecting cultural differences align with Christian principles of compassion and empathy?
7. The journey from the early days of foster care to the present was marked by significant progress. What lessons can be drawn from this journey that might be applicable to other regions or countries seeking to improve their child welfare systems? How can Christians be agents of positive change in this field of work in their own communities?
8. How can individuals and communities outside of China contribute to the cause of foster care and child welfare globally, based on what you've learned from the documentary?
9. After watching 'Children of Shanghai', do you feel inspired or motivated to support or get involved in similar initiatives or charitable work? How can Christians discern their roles in responding to the needs of vulnerable children both locally and internationally?
10. In your opinion, what is the documentary's main message or takeaway regarding the transformative power of love, family, and community in the lives of children? How does this message resonate with Christian teachings on love, family, and community support for children in need?