“Jane Goodall: The Hope” Documentary Discussion Questions

Dr. Jane Goodall is a dynamic figure, and her life’s work (86 years!) has been prolific. Use these questions to guide conversations about Jane, her work and the work of the Jane Goodall Institute and Roots & Shoots with your group.

1. The people Jane works with don’t always seem like the kind of people who share her values. In many cases, like the head of the oil company, they sit on opposite sides in many ways.
   a. What do you notice about the way Jane has conversations with people who don’t initially share her same perspective?
   b. Are there ways that you can utilize a similar approach in your own life?

2. You can see in the documentary that Jane has very incredible friends who help her on her journey.
   a. Who are the people in your life who you can count on to support you in your passion to make changes?
   b. How can you grow your relationships to build supportive communities around the issues that matter to you?

3. Jane spreads her message nearly 300 days a year (except for right now while she’s quarantined like the rest of us!). It is important to her that she minimizes her footprint in whatever ways she can.
   a. How does Jane reduce her impact while she travels the world?
   b. How can you take some of these examples to think about reducing your footprint in your everyday life?

4. Jane created the Jane Goodall Institute and Roots & Shoots in order to fulfill her vision of community-centered conservation, welfare of great apes and their habitats, and an empowered generation of changemakers who will build a better world for all.
   a. Can you give some examples of how this works and why it’s important?
   b. Can you give some examples of how you fit into this work?

5. Jane’s work is very tiring and demanding, in many activist and justice spaces this can lead to “burnout”.
   a. How does she maintain her spirit and practice self-care?
   b. What are the things that restore you while you give back to your community?

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