

Same Kind of Different As Me by Ron Hall & Denver Moore

1. In Chapter 1, what do we learn about Denver?
 - a. He has been abused
 - b. He has been homeless
 - c. He has been in prison
 - d. He has been in trouble with the law
 - e. B, C and D
2. In Chapter 2, what do we learn about Ron?
 - a. He was living in poverty throughout his childhood
 - b. His wife was demanding that he make a lot of money
 - c. He was proud and arrogant about how much money he made
 - d. He had been homeless at one time
3. From chapter 3, who raised Denver?

4. Describe the home that Denver and his family lived in.

5. Cite 3 pieces of evidence from chapter 3 that support the idea that Denver was very close to his grandmother.
 - a. _____

 - b. _____

 - c. _____

6. What was the “first tragedy” that came into Denver’s life? How old was he?

7. What woke Denver up the night of the tragedy?
 - a. Thurman
 - b. A cat
 - c. The smell of smoke
 - d. Big Mama screaming
8. Chapter 4 describes some of Ron’s memories of growing up. What were some experiences during his summers at his grandparents’ home?

1. Explain what “stackin hisself some paper money” means on p. 27.

2. Who was BB?
- a. Denver’s brother
 - b. Denver’s uncle
 - c. Big Mama’s brother
 - d. Denver’s dad
 - e. None of the above

3. Explain how BB went to church.

4. What happened to BB?
- a. He disappeared and no one ever saw him again
 - b. He was stabbed to death
 - c. He was burned up in a fire
 - d. He took off with some women
 - e. None of the above

5. Who did Denver and Thurman live with after BB?
- a. Uncle James and Aunt Etha
 - b. Aunt Pearlie May
 - c. Auntie
 - d. His cousin Chook

6. Denver met Bobby, the Man’s nephew, one day in the Man’s store. They became friends even though Bobby was white. What did Bobby sneak to Denver? _____

7. For what did Denver work up the courage to ask the Man?
- a. A new bike
 - b. If he could pick scrap cotton to earn money for bike
 - c. A table outside the door so he could eat scraps
 - d. If Bobby could stay with him in his shack

8. How long did it take to achieve Denver’s goal?
- a. A year
 - b. Two summers
 - c. One summer
 - d. Three years
 - e. None of the above

Chapters 1-4

9. What pivotal point in history did Ron witness?
 - a. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech
 - b. John F. Kennedy getting shot
 - c. The signing of the Emancipation Proclamation
 - d. None of the above

10. Who does Denver credit for helping him learn the Bible without being able to read?
 - a. Big Mama
 - b. Big Mama's sister
 - c. BB
 - d. The preacher, Brother Brown

11. What significant event happens at the end of chapter 9?
 - a. Denver is baptized
 - b. Denver hops on a train and leaves for the city
 - c. Denver meets Ron
 - d. None of the above

Chapter 10-14

1. In chapter 10, Denver loses Uncle James and Aunt Etha. Who does he go to live with at that point? _____

2. What is particularly troubling about the move for Denver and Thurman?

3. Describe the "draggin".

4. Chapter 12 explains the Christian testimony of both Ron and Deborah. What does he mean on page 61 when he says, "we set about saving them from eternal damnation with all the subtlety of rookie linebackers."?

5. Chapter 13 explains how slaves were almost better off than children of sharecroppers. Explain this in your own words.

Chapters 1-4

6. In Chapter 14, Ron and Deborah nearly end up in divorce. Which sentences from the text on p. 66 **best** explains the reason for this?
- a. "We put our children in public school."
 - b. "In Dallas, I threw myself into my work, traveling more, striving for more international market share."
 - c. "My passion was recognition and success. Her passion was to know God."
 - d. All of the above

Chapter 15-19

1. From p. 70, what does "three hots and a cot" probably mean?

2. Describe the "hamburger drop".

3. What is the reason many homeless people start "drinkin and druggin"?

4. What is Rocky Top?
- a. Their new Doberman
 - b. Their ranch house
 - c. Their favorite mountain
 - d. The name of Ron's business
5. At the beginning of chapter 16, Ron mentions some steps they took to strengthen their marriage. List 3.
- a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
6. Who decides that they should volunteer at the "Friends of the Union Gospel Mission?"

7. What is the "hobo jungle"?

8. Why did Denver buy a gun?
- a. He thought he might need it for protection
 - b. He had been threatened and wanted to be ready
 - c. He was planning to murder someone
 - d. None of the above

Chapters 1-4

9. What did Denver do in Louisiana that landed him in Angola Prison?
- a. Chased some “gangstas” with his gun
 - b. Hit a man over the head with a telephone
 - c. Drove a car into the projects
 - d. Robbed a city bus

10. How did Denver end up at Union Gospel Mission?
- a. Downtown revitalization required he move
 - b. He got tired of being homeless
 - c. Deborah invited him to the mission
 - d. None of the above

11. Describe how Deborah pictured the mission in her dream?

12. The first day Ron and Deborah volunteer at the mission, Deborah decides they will volunteer how often and when?

13. That night, Deborah has a dream about a “wise man who changes the city”. What book of the Bible is that idea from? _____
Tell me about it.

14. What does Deborah call the people who come to the mission?

15. Describe Deborah’s approach to volunteering.

16. What does Deborah want Ron to do when the black man threw a chair across the dining hall and threatened to kill whoever stole his shoes?

Chapter 20-28

1. What was the name the residents of the mission began calling Deborah?

2. How did Deborah go beyond the typical volunteer at the mission? Circle all that apply.
 - a. she came for more than just holidays
 - b. she got to know the residents' names
 - c. she came up with creative activities like "Movie Night"
 - d. she invited them to her home
 - e. she gave them money for clothing

3. Describe "Beauty Shop Night".

4. What were the first words that Denver ever spoke to Ron?

5. When Ron and Denver go to breakfast, Denver reveals what he and everyone at the mission thought they were up to when asking the names and birthdays of everyone. What did they think?

6. Denver also tells Ron exactly what he thinks of Deborah. What does he think of her?

7. The second time Ron takes Denver to coffee, what remarkable thing happens?

8. What is the one thing Denver is worried about with becoming a friend to Mr. Ron?

9. Describe what Ron thought being friends with Denver might be like.

Chapters 1-4

10. Near the end of chapter 26, Deborah hears some inspiring words of gratitude from a homeless veteran. What were the words that they began saying every morning to remember gratitude?

11. Why did Denver end up in the hospital after the retreat?

- a. He hadn't eaten during the whole weekend
- b. He hadn't drunk enough water at the retreat and was dehydrated
- c. He hadn't used the bathroom the whole weekend
- d. He had gone on a drinking binge

12. What did Denver admit about Ms. Debbie making him go to the retreat? Circle all that apply

- a. That she had been wrong to insist that he go
- b. That it helped him to focus on God's plan
- c. That she had been right about wanting him to go
- d. That he benefitted by being out of his usual environment

13. What did Denver warn Ron about?

Chapters 29-36

1. What happened on April 1, 1999? _____

2. What does Denver realize about Miss Debbie's love when he considers that God may not heal her? _____

3. What was the response of the resident's at the mission when they heard about Miss Debbie's cancer? (chapter 30) _____

4. What was the prognosis after Deborah's surgery?

5. When Ron takes all the flowers to the mission, he discovers that they have all been praying for Deborah. He asks about Denver and finds out that he is sleeping. He jumps to the conclusion that he is lazy. What does he then discover that makes him aware of how judgmental he is?

Chapters 1-4

6. At the end of p. 140, Denver reflects on his praying by the dumpster each night and says, "I felt like it was the most important job I ever had, and I wadn't gon' quit." What is your reaction to this quote?

7. What news caused Deborah to faint in Dr. Golstein's office?

8. Besides fainting, what was Deborah's response to such grim news?

9. Besides Ms. Debbie and Mr. Ron, what did Denver consider a great blessing God had sent him?

10. How does Ron show Denver that he trusts him?

Chapters 27-47

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Chapters 1-4

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Chapters 57-63

1. What is Ron struggling with in chapter 57?

2. What is your response to the scene when Denver sees Deborah?

3. Use this space to write any responses or notes you noticed in chapters 61 – 63.
