

Faith & Medicine Film 3Medicine and a God With Us Discussion Guide



Dr. Dowell's story, including the suffering and poverty she grew up with, has led her to become a powerful advocate on behalf of children and parents today. How do you think your story will shape the work that you do in the future?

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To achieve her vision, Dr. Dowell doesn't just provide medical care to her patients on the west side of Chicago. She meets with grocery store owners to make sure there is quality food on the shelves; she helps her patients get academic support in their schools; she meets with Child Protective Services to advocate on behalf of children and parents. What does this suggest about ways our work can change systems and institutions?

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Dr. Dowell says that if people had seen her as a young girl, they wouldn't have had a lot of hope for her. But today, as a doctor, she imparts hope to many. She asks parents if she can bless the babies and children they bring to her, because she believes they are the ones who can bring change to a city. How might our work build hope, and create opportunities for the next generation?