



One Week
(USA, 2000, 97 minutes)
Director: Carl Seaton
Study Guide

Synopsis

Varon's plans to marry his fiancé Kiya on Saturday are quickly yielded when news from a health center informs him that a previous sexual partner has been diagnosed with HIV. Monday at the health center, Varon takes his own HIV test and is told he must wait "one week" for the results. Caught in a moral dilemma, Varon must choose between telling his fiancée and risk losing her or going ahead with his marriage plans, in keeping with a silent lie. Another curve ball is added when his best friend Tyco reveals that he is on the same notification list. Varon's life changes irreversibly in a very short time. He finds out that his fiancée is pregnant, loses his job, spends the night in jail, the wedding is canceled and then, Tyco gets his test results.

Study Questions

- What do you know about HIV and AIDS?
- What is the quality of life like for those living with HIV?
- In what ways would your life change if you discovered that you were HIV positive?
- How would you react to the news that a former partner had HIV?

Discussion Questions

- Do you think Varon should have told Kiya himself before the results of the HIV test?
- In what ways did keeping the truth from Kiya affect Varon's life?
- What do you think about Tyco's reaction to his test results?
- How did Tyco's death affect Varon's next actions?
- What message do you think this movie is trying to convey?