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DISCUSSION **GUIDES**

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *1 in 274* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

This film deals with death (sin) and life (resurrection). Which do you relate to right now and why?

2 Corinthians 5:17 says that "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." What does that statement mean?

How has Christ given us a "ministry of reconciliation" and what is a ministry of reconciliation?

How are you or how can you become a minister of reconciliation in your present life right now?

9,300 DAYS

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Watch *9,300 Days* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Psalm 139:13-16 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Since his birth, Noa has faced suffering and hardship. What is often your initial response when you're met with challenges in life?

Psalm 139 reveals how intimately God knows you. What might this say about His concern for you, even when you meet hardship?

Despite their circumstances, Noa and his mother have found an abiding peace in Christ. How does recalling what Jesus has secured for you help in times of trouble?

Rejoice! God knows your days and, in Christ, has wonderful plans for you. How can this truth change how you live, work, and love others today?

ADOPTED

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Adopted* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Romans 5:6-11 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

The film mentions being orphaned by sin, meaning we left our Heavenly Father to go our own way. How was this true for you?

Verses 6-8 show us that our reconciliation with God came at great cost. What does this reveal about God's character and love?

Considering how Tirfe's life radically changed through adoption, how does the truth of reconciliation and adoption into God's family change the way you live your life today?

How can you share the doctrine of adoption to minister to people who are hurting, lonely, and orphaned by sin?

Alex was an Atheist

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Alex was an Atheist* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read John 4:7-15 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

While these verses are only a snippet of the interaction between Jesus and the woman at the well, what do they teach you about what Jesus offers?

In the film, Alex says that Jesus is the only one who has truly fulfilled him, or said another way, has "satisfied his thirst". In what ways are you thirsty or lacking fulfillment in this life?

Consider the lengths that Christ went to in order to offer you living water. How does His sacrificial love help you believe that He can truly satisfy you?

For Alex, the love of Christ so deeply transformed him that he now wants to share this living water with others. Take a few minutes and ask God to give you an opportunity to share with someone how Christ has satisfied your thirst.

BE STILL

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Be Still* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Psalm 46 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Psalm 46 contains vivid imagery of suffering and devastation. How are these truths exhibited in our world and/or in your life?

When hardship comes in life, where do you seek refuge other than the presence of God and why?

List the attributes of God portrayed in Psalm 46. How do they compare to the alternative "places" you seek refuge in life?

In verse 10, God commands us to "Be still". How does Christ's finished work and the indwelling Holy Spirit enable you to do this?

BEAUTY *from* RUINS

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Beauty from Ruins* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Isaiah 61:1-3 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Isaiah 61:1-3 is a prophetic passage that declares God's coming restoration for those who suffer, specifically the poor, brokenhearted, captives, and those who mourn. What does this passage say about who God is?

Maria and Antonella were both unwanted and abandoned by others, which led to feeling ashamed and brokenhearted. How have you personally experienced shame and brokenness (e.g. troubled relationships, enslaving sin, struggling finances, etc.)?

Jesus quotes this same passage from Isaiah when he begins his earthly ministry (Luke 4:16-19). How is Jesus the ultimate fulfillment of God's restoration, and why is this good news for your shame and brokenness?

Because of God's great love towards them in Christ, Antonella and Maria experienced true healing. Is there something in your own heart that Christ's love needs to restore? Take a few minutes to consider this and ask Him for it.

B E L O V E D

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Beloved* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read 1 John 4:10-12 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Takashi and Naoko dealt with anger, depression, and loneliness, which led to conflict in marriage. How have you experienced brokenness in a relationship with a spouse, friend, etc.?

When you think about God's love, what comes to mind? Do you doubt His love for you, and if so, why?

In verse 10, how has God demonstrated His love for you? How does this love change the way you view yourself, and in turn, love others? Be specific.

In Christ, Takashi and Naoko could truly love one another. Who is God calling you to love in response to Him loving you?

Bettie goes to Jail

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Bettie Goes to Jail* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Matthew 25:31-46 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In verses 37-39, the righteous did not recognize that they were serving Jesus. What does this say about their concern for others?

How do you relate to the "least of these" in your life? Like Bettie, do you overlook them, make excuses, or approach them like a checklist to earn God's approval?

Spiritually speaking, how were you the "least of these" before knowing Jesus?

Bettie serves those in need because she has been greatly served by Jesus. How has He served you through His life, death, and resurrection?

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Watch *Beyond Two Trees* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Romans 10:12-15 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

This passage in Romans 10 makes the point that people can't call upon the name of Jesus without someone first telling them about Him. Who first shared Jesus with you, and how?

God doesn't wait for us to come to Him first. Rather, like Buddhi, He goes the distance to pursue us. Take a moment to consider God's compassionate pursuit in sending Jesus, the One who came to live and die for your sake.

Motivated by Christ's love, Buddhi has great compassion for the people of Khumkhani village. Who in your own life have you felt compassion for, and why?

Buddhi gladly endures many challenges to reveal God's love to the Khumkhani people. What challenges might He be asking you to willingly face as He sends you out to share Christ with those who are in need of Him?

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Watch *The Biker and the Rebel* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Luke 19:1-10 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Stig hangs around the people whom society tends to either disregard or fear. Who are the people in society that you'd rather shy away from, and why?

In Luke 19, Jesus meets Zacchaeus, a wealthy man who was known as both a robber and a traitor by the people in the crowd. What do you learn about Jesus through this interaction?

Just like Zacchaeus, Stig was set free and transformed by the love of Jesus. Think about your own life before Christ. How did He seek and save you, the one who was lost?

Stig desires to love others like Christ has loved him, no matter where they've been or what they've done. What is one way God might be inviting you to do the same today?

BLESSED

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Blessed* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Romans 5:1-5 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

When suffering comes in life, where do you instinctually turn? Do you run from suffering or do you rejoice in it?

Paul says that, by faith in Jesus, we stand in God's grace and "rejoice in the hope of the glory of God". How can this truth help sustain you in the midst of suffering? (Consider Nate and Ruth's story.)

In what ways did Jesus perfectly endure suffering as he lived in this world? Be specific.

What did God accomplish through Christ's suffering? Take some time in prayer to thank Him for suffering on your behalf.

BROKEN

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Broken* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Psalm 16 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Honza thought that life was all about having fun. What are you tempted to believe will give you purpose in life?

Verse 2 says that there is no good apart from God. Do you fight to believe this? Why or why not?

According to Psalm 16, true life and fullness of joy is found in God. How does Christ and His salvation grant you life and joy?

Honza found the path of life in Christ, and it changed how he viewed himself and others. What might this change look like in your own life today? Be specific.

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *The Call* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Matthew 11:27-30 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In verse 28, Jesus talks about those "who labor and are heavy laden". Does that describe you? Why or why not?

Jesus promises to give rest to those who come to Him. How are you striving for rest (joy, peace, etc.) apart from Christ?

In verse 29, Jesus describes Himself as "gentle and lowly in heart". What is your response to this statement?

What does it look like to come to Jesus for rest on a daily basis?

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Chasing Life* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Psalm 147 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In the film, Robin believed life was found in partying and drugs. Where are you inclined to believe life can be found (career, relationships, social status, etc.)?

Psalm 147 speaks of God's stunning power, love, and authority. Discuss how He compares to your response in Question 1.

Robin found abundant life in Jesus alone. What does it practically look like for you to seek life in Christ and not in these lesser things?

Who do you know that is seeking life in other places and needs to hear about Jesus? Take time to share and pray for them now.

Chloe

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Chloe* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Proverbs 16:1-9 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In the film, Walt and Annie planned to have children. What plans are you presently waiting for God to fulfill in your life?

Considering verse 2, are there plans that you have made that seemed pure in your eyes, but you later realized were not pure before the Lord?

Reflecting on verse 9, what is your response to the truth that, despite your plans, the Lord establishes your steps?

In the film, Annie realized that true fulfillment came from the Lord, not from having kids. Are there any areas in your life where God is inviting you to surrender and find true fulfillment in Christ instead?

CITY
LIFE

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *City Life* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Acts 2:42-47 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

When you hear the term "the church", what ideas or images come to mind?

How does Acts 2:42-47 redefine that perspective?

Do you feel like the present-day church needs to return to the model set by the early church? Why or why not?

What do you feel God calling you to in light of these passages of scripture, and what steps can you take to follow Him there?

COLLISION

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Collision* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Isaiah 53:3-5 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Yumiko experienced loneliness, depression, and self-hatred. In what similar ways have you or do you struggle?

Verse 3 says Christ was "a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief". What's your response to the fact that Christ can relate to your suffering?

Verse 5 says Jesus was "pierced for our transgressions" to bring us peace with God. How can this truth help free you from your present griefs and sorrows?

Like Yumiko, we can be healed in Christ. Spend time reflecting on this promise and thanking Him for his healing now and for eternity.

Crowned

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Crowned* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read 1 John 3:1-2 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

1 John 3:1 says that God's love for those who know Him is so great that He calls them His children. When you think about God as a loving Father, is this easy or hard to believe? Take time to consider why.

Like Perla shares in the film, becoming a child of God isn't earned or deserved, but rather received as a gift. How does this change the way you think about being God's child?

There is no greater gift the Father has given than sacrificing His own Son to make us His children. How does the gift of Jesus reveal God's great love towards you?

1 John 3:2 talks about what is to come for those who are children of God: becoming like our Father and seeing Him as He is. How does this promise give you hope for today?

darcy

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Darcy* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Psalm 22:1-5 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

David, like the Ramoses in the film, cry out to God honestly in their suffering. Do you relate to these prayers? If so, how?

In verses 4-5, David recounts God's power and faithfulness despite his suffering. Do you struggle doing this? Why or why not?

David's prophetic words in verse 1 were repeated by Jesus on the cross. What does this reveal about Jesus' ability to relate to our hardships and suffering?

How does Jesus' faithfulness bring you hope and joy? Spend time recounting His works in prayer and thank Him.

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Watch *The Day Kyle Died* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Romans 6:1-14 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Verse 6 mentions the "old self". What was Kyle's "old self" placing his hope in and what outcomes did that identity produce?

In this passage, Paul mentions that Christ died so we would no longer be enslaved to sin. How is this true in Kyle's story?

Replace your name with Kyle's in the first two questions and share your responses with the group.

The passage says that because of Christ, we are "dead to sin and alive to God". Take a moment as a group and thank God, repent, and praise Him for this wonderful truth.

DEAD MEN

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Dead Men* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Romans 6:20-23 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Verse 20 says that without Christ, you are a "slave of sin". What does it mean to be enslaved to sin? Think about life before Christ.

Radek and Jiří came to realize that their sin leads to an eternal death. Do you think of your own sin in this way? Why or why not?

Christ's life, death, and resurrection frees you from the bondage of sin. How have you experienced this, or do you struggle to believe it?

No longer being a slave to sin means you are now a slave to God. What does it practically look like for you to live a life enslaved to our good and loving Father?

DEATH WHERE IS YOUR STING?

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Death, Where is your Sting?* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read 1 Peter 1:3-7 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

What do verses 3-5 reveal about what God has done for us through the work of Christ. What is your response to this truth?

How does this eternal promise compare to the things that you experience in this world? Hardships, fleeting joys, etc.

Verses 6-7 state that trials test the genuineness of your faith. How have you seen this to be true in your life?

How should the truth that you have an "imperishable, undefiled, and unfading" inheritance waiting for you impact your life today?

DISCIPLES

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Disciples* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read John 1:1-14 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

This passage in John refers to Jesus being "the Word" and "the Light". What do these two things teach you about who Jesus is?

Just as Anderson shared his sins in the film, what darkness has God rescued you from? Be honest with yourself as you consider the sins of anger, gossip, addiction, lies, lack of love towards others, etc.

In verse 12, John writes that to all who received and believed in Jesus, "He gave the right to become children of God". How does having access to God as His child change the way you come to Him?

Anderson and Robson couldn't help but tell others about the love and grace they found in Jesus. How might God be inviting you to bear witness about His light to others?

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Don't Look Away* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Hebrews 12:1-3 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Hebrews 12:1 encourages us to "run with endurance the race that is set before us". How is the Christian life like a race to be run, and why do we need endurance for it?

For Sasha, looking to Jesus has become the anchoring foundation for her life. How would you say your "gaze" is with Jesus? Do you look to Him only when you need Him, or do you look to Him no matter the circumstances?

Christ Himself endured the greatest suffering to bear our sin so that we could be forever reconciled to God the Father. How does considering Christ's endurance help you not grow weary or fainthearted?

Because of Jesus, Sasha has supernatural joy amidst the most heartbreaking of circumstances. Take a few minutes now and ask God to fill you with this same joy that can endure life's most challenging seasons.

el shaddai sings

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *El Shaddai Sings* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

What does Paul mean when he says, "All Scripture is breathed out by God"?

How does God's Word train us in righteousness?

What dangers do we face, as Christians, if we are not devoted to reading God's Word?

Considering Paul's description of God's Word and its importance to us as believers, what response do you believe God is calling you to make today (Repentance, Worship, etc.)?

ENCOUNTER

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Encounter* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read John 8:12 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In the film, David experienced suffering that led to isolation and hopelessness. How have you experienced this in your own life?

Jesus says he is the "light of the world". Given all the darkness in the world, do you ever struggle to believe this? Why or why not?

Christ ultimately defeated sin and death by suffering in our place. How does His death and resurrection redefine how we live in a dark world?

David now walks with light, life, and joy because of Jesus. How might God be calling you to share His light with those around you?

EYES OPEN

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Eyes Open* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Luke 6:46-49 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In Luke 6, Jesus talks about two different foundations. How do you see these two different foundations playing out in the world today?

In the film, it is evident the kingdoms of this world can and will eventually fall. What is your honest response to this truth, and why?

When the floods of life inevitably come, Jesus offers an unshakable hope to those who follow Him. How does His sacrificial death and resurrection ultimately provide this hope?

In verse 46, Jesus asks an important question to those who call Him Lord. What would you say holds you back from hearing and obeying Jesus?

FINDING Petra

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Finding Petra* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Psalm 139:1-12 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Petra experienced deep sorrow and grief with the loss of her mother. How have you experienced suffering in your life?

Considering Psalm 139, do you struggle to believe that God intimately knows you and longs to draw near to you, even in your suffering? Why or why not?

God's desire to be with His people was so great that He sent His own Son to redeem us from sin and death. How does Jesus ultimately reveal God's heart for you?

In time, Petra surrendered to God's loving pursuit. Take time to pray and ask God to help you surrender to His love and find rest in being fully known by Him.

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *The Flourishing Life* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read John 15:4-8 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In John 15, Jesus teaches His disciples to abide in Him. What does He promise if we abide in Him? What does He promise if we don't?

Mila's story shares how abiding in Christ can bear much fruit, even transforming a family and a community. When you think about what it means to "bear fruit", what comes to mind?

Consider Verse 8. The Father was glorified as Jesus gave His own life to bear the fruit of salvation and eternal life for you. How does Jesus' sacrificial love encourage you to abide in Him more fully?

Mila desires that more Italians will encounter the living Jesus. Take a few minutes and ask God to help you abide in Jesus and give you a heart for others to know and abide in Him, too.

FOLLOWER

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Follower* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read John 10:1-30 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In verse 11, Jesus calls Himself "the good shepherd". From the text, what are the marks of this good shepherd?

Several times Jesus describes His followers as sheep. Considering verse 27, what are the marks of His "sheep"?

Practically speaking, what does it look like to hear Christ's voice? Discuss reading Scripture, prayer, the Holy Spirit, etc.

For Sarah in the film, following Christ meant serving the Deaf. Where do you feel He is leading you right now?

THEFOREMOST

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *The Foremost* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In verse 13, Paul describes himself as "a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent" before knowing Christ. Who were you before knowing Christ?

This passage and film reveal the power of God's grace. Are there sins in your life that you don't believe God's grace can cover?

God's grace working through Christopher gave him the ability to forgive Duch. Do you find it difficult to forgive as you been forgiven?

How does God's grace change your relationships with your unbelieving friends, neighbors, and coworkers?

GARY
& PEGGY

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Gary & Peggy* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Matthew 19:16-30 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

What can we learn about the condition of the young man's heart from his first question to Jesus?

In verse 21, Jesus' response sends the young man away sorrowful. What does this reveal about his priorities in life?

What areas of your life do you struggle with the idea of giving up in order to follow Christ? Be honest.

Verse 29, Jesus reveals that there are great rewards for following Him. How can we encourage one another to lay down our earthly hope, desires, and treasures in order to pursue Christ?

THE GIFT OF GOD

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *The Gift of God* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Ephesians 2:1-8 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Read verses 1-3. What do these verses depict about who you were before Christ, and what is your response to this description?

Verses 4-8 take a decidedly optimistic turn from the previous verses. Who is responsible for this turn of events, and what happened?

Considering your life before knowing Christ, what do you find most beautiful about this passage of scripture?

What is "the gift of God", and if you have received this gift, how should it change the way you live your life?

a GIRL from NAPLES

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *A Girl from Naples* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Luke 7:36-50 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Imagine being present for this interaction in Luke 7. How do you think you would have responded to seeing this woman worship Jesus in this way? Be honest.

Like the woman in this story from Luke, Angela knows the impact and severity of her sin. How does Angela respond to Jesus in light of how much she has been forgiven?

We are all sinners in desperate need of the forgiveness Jesus offers us through His sacrificial death on the cross. Take time to humbly consider and share what sins you've been forgiven of in your own life.

Jesus says that those who are forgiven much, love much. Set aside time to pray and ask God to help you respond in love because of how much He has loved and forgiven you.

GIVING UP GRAHAM

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Giving Up Graham* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Philippians 4:4-7 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Both the film and passage tackle the subject of anxiety. How do you struggle with anxiety? What are you anxious about right now?

Verse 6 commands us to pray with thanksgiving. How does a thankful heart combat anxiety?

Like Lore, we often pray for circumstantial change, but the promise God gives us instead in verse 7 is "the peace of God, which surpasses understanding". Why is that much better?

How does Jesus' finished work on the cross give us peace in difficult times? Spend time thanking God for His grace towards us in Christ.

The God-Given Task

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *The God-Given Task* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Ecclesiastes 3:9-13 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

This passage in Ecclesiastes addresses the burden of work and the limitation of knowing God's eternal ways. How do you personally experience these burdens or limits in life?

Verse 11 says that God has "made everything beautiful in its time." What do you think this means, and how does this truth comfort you or challenge you?

The most beautiful moment in all of history—God's redemption of His people through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross—was also the most dreadful moment. How does knowing this encourage you to trust God's eternal wisdom and understanding?

The wisdom of Ecclesiastes 9:13 teaches us to be joyful, do good, and take pleasure in the midst of our toil. How can you put this wisdom into practice today?

GONE

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Gone* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Luke 9:23-27 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Considering the context of Roman rule, what did Jesus mean when he said, "let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me"?

What does it look like to deny yourself and take up your cross daily in today's culture?

Do you find yourself thinking more about what you'll lose if you follow Christ or what you will gain if you follow Him? Explain.

Have you ever been ashamed of Jesus and His Words? Take some time to repent and encourage one another to turn back to Christ.

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Watch *The Good Father* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Psalm 23 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Ruda was restless and felt empty before meeting Christ. How have you experienced restlessness or emptiness in your own life?

Verses 1-4 depicts the image of a shepherd and his sheep. What do these verses tell you about God and the tender care He provides?

Like Ruda, we can't find rest and peace on our own. How does Christ and His victory over sin and death grant you the restoration described in Psalm 23?

Ruda found true satisfaction in God through Christ, and this impacted his family. What does it practically look like for you to live in the peace of God and share it with others?

THE GOOD FIGHT

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *The Good Fight* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Like Christopher in the film, we all fight for things. Consider a time in your own life when you were fighting to reach a goal, achievement, or outcome. What was required for you to attain it?

1 Corinthians 9 speaks of an imperishable prize that is given to those who have fought the good fight of faith. How does this prize compare to the one that you discussed in Question 1?

Consider how Jesus exercised discipline and self-control in order to attain the ultimate victory over sin and death on our behalf. How does this encourage you to follow Him in doing the same?

Running to receive the prize of faith is not easy, but as Christopher experienced, we were not meant to fight alone. What are some practical ways you and others can seek to fight for faith together?

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *A Great Light* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Isaiah 9:2-7 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Verse 2 speaks of a people who walked in darkness. Before knowing Christ, how did you walk in darkness?

Verses 3-5 promise a coming joy, freedom, and peace. If you are in Christ, how have you experienced this joy, freedom, and peace?

What kind of sacrifice and suffering did Jesus endure to secure your salvation? Consider his humanity from birth to the cross.

The Lord acted zealously on our behalf by giving us His Son. How does this sacrifice impact how you live out your faith?

HELPER OF THE FATHERLESS

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Helper of the Fatherless* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read James 1:19-27 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

James writes about being doers of the Word, but he first discusses two important actions in verse 21 that we need to take to produce a righteous life. What are they?

Do you find it difficult to be a doer of the Word? If so, what are the obstacles or temptations in your way?

In verse 27, James says that "pure and undefiled" religion includes caring for the orphan and widow. Why do you think he focuses on these two groups of people?

Considering Samuel's story, how do you feel the Lord leading you to care for the orphan and widow?

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *The Highest Passion* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Hebrews 11:1-3,6 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Manuel's faith influences his life and speaks to his deepest needs. Do you relate to this? Why or why not?

Verse 6 reveals faith is "believing that God exists and that He rewards those who seek Him". What challenges do you face when it comes to believing in and seeking God?

Manuel's heart was moved to faith through God's great love revealed in Christ. How does the reality of Jesus stir up your faith?

Faith pleases God. What would it practically look like for your faith to inform how you live, work, and enjoy life?

HOPE *from* HARD GROUND

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Hope from Hard Ground* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Galatians 6:7-10 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Think about Galatians 6:7-10 and consider both Tiziano and Naomi's stories. What in this passage do you see to be true in their individual journeys?

Now, think about your own life. How have you experienced that "whatever one sows, that will he also reap" to be true for you?

Naomi modeled after Jesus as she patiently and lovingly walked with Tiziano through the messiness of his life. How has Christ expressed even greater patience and love towards you?

Because of Jesus, Tiziano and Naomi now seek to do good to everyone who comes to their farm. How might God be asking you to not grow weary in doing good to someone in this current season (e.g. family member, friend, co-worker, etc.)?

I AM ALIVE

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *I am Alive* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read John 10:10-11 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Ritsuko was looking for love and acceptance in her life. In what ways do you seek for this in your own life?

Verse 10 says that "the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy". Who is the thief, and how does he steal, kill, and destroy?

In contrast, Christ says he is the good shepherd who gives his life for others. How does He give you life abundantly? Or, do you struggle to experience abundant life?

Ritsuko was radically transformed by the love of Christ. How might He be calling you to respond to his offer of life today?

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *The Impossible Man* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Psalm 103:1-5 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In the film, Martin believed no one loved or cared for him. In your own life, how have you been tempted to believe the same?

What specific truths from Psalm 103 might encourage you when you feel unloved or rejected?

Christ's love and mercy redeemed Martin's life "from the pit". How has Jesus' life, death, and resurrection done the same for you?

Who in your life needs to hear the truths of Psalm 103? Pray for them, and ask God to help you share His steadfast love with them this week.

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *In the Light* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Ephesians 5:1-14 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Using Ephesians 5 as a guide, what does it look like to walk in darkness? What does it look like to walk in the light?

This film shares one of the primary truths about Jesus–He is the Light of the world. What are some characteristics of Christ that made him the true Light?

Because of Jesus' victory on the cross, we are delivered out of darkness and brought into His kingdom of light. How does this reality compel you to walk as a child of light in the world?

Take some time to ask God if there are ways you have been walking in darkness. Remembering His mercy and grace, pray for one another and ask the Spirit to help you walk in the light of Christ.

It's Something about Pumpkin

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *It's Something about Pumpkin* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Matthew 22:34-40 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

To everyone who knows Pumpkin, it's evident that she loves God and loves people. If someone else was speaking about your life, what would they say you love the most?

In this passage, Jesus is speaking with the Pharisees, the most skilled teachers of the law. How do you think they reacted to His answer? Are there other commands that you might have expected to be the greatest?

Jesus is the only One who has perfectly obeyed the greatest commandment, even as it cost Him his very life. How does His unwavering obedience to love God and love His neighbor challenge you to do the same?

There's something about Pumpkin because there's something about Jesus. What do you love about Jesus? Take a few minutes to think about Him and thank Him for who He is.

josiah

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Josiah* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Matthew 9:35-38 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Verse 36 says that the people were "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd". Considering your work, neighborhood, or even home, how is this still true today?

This passage also says that Jesus had compassion on the people. Do you struggle with having compassion on those who are lost? Why or why not?

Where is the harvest plentiful in your life?

What steps can you take toward becoming a laborer for the harvest in your own life? Take some time to pray for laborers to your city and around the globe.

THE KEY

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *The Key* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read John 14:1-7 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

God told Yuji that Jesus is the key to life. What does the world say is the key to life? What do your daily actions say?

Jesus makes a provocative claim that He is the only way to eternal life. What is your response to the exclusivity of the Gospel?

If you have put your faith in Christ, what are the benefits you've received in knowing Him and His love? (Consider the scripture passage as you respond.)

Like Yuji, we have the key to the Father and everlasting life. How is God calling you to practically share Jesus with others?

LIFT UP YOUR EYES

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Lift Up Your Eyes* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Luke 18:18-30 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Jesus calls the rich ruler (in Scripture) and Marc (in the film) to surrender their lives and follow Him. Have you ever felt a similar call from the Lord in your life? What was your response?

Jesus specifically asks the rich ruler to sell all of his possessions. What things in your life (material items, comfort, entertainment, etc.) do you presently struggle with surrendering to Christ?

When addressing the topic of salvation, Jesus states, "What is impossible with man, is possible with God." How does this point to God's grace rather than man's works, and what is your response to his statement?

In verses 29-30, Jesus assures His followers of their inheritance. How does this encourage you to wholeheartedly follow Christ?

LIGHT ON THE WAY

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Light on the Way* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In the film, two young men choose to move away from the familiar to live amongst unreached people. What are some rational worries or fears they may have faced in following this call?

In these verses, Paul reveals his weakness and fear so that the people "might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God". How are you personally tempted to rely on man's wisdom over God's power?

There is no clearer picture of God's power triumphing over man's wisdom than in the sacrificial death of Jesus. How does the Gospel reshape your understanding of God's power?

The power of God enabled these men in Mali to bring light to those living in darkness, and it can do the same for you. Knowing this, how might you seek to follow Jesus more boldly where He leads you?

Like a child

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Like a Child* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Mark 10:13-16 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

When you think about the Kingdom of God and who belongs to it, what comes to mind?

What characteristics of children does Jesus want His disciples to recognize and emulate in receiving His Kingdom?

Why is receiving Jesus and His Kingdom better than anything this world has to offer?

What would it look like in everyday life (work, finances, relationships, neighborhood, etc.) to receive the Kingdom of God like a child?

Linn Bought the Farm

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Linn Bought the Farm* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Matthew 13:44-46 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In the film, Linn takes a big risk to obey Jesus by loving and serving those around her. Have you ever made a difficult decision to follow Jesus and found that it gave you great joy? What was your experience?

In Matthew 13, Jesus speaks of someone who finds a treasure so valuable that he sells everything he has to buy it. What is Jesus communicating about the nature of God's Kingdom, and why is it significant?

The greatest treasure is Christ, who loves you and gave Himself for you. Reflecting on the priceless grace and sacrificial love of Jesus, how might it compel you to follow where He leads?

Linn's story is a hopeful reminder that following Christ can be as simple as caring for your neighbor. What is one practical way you can give your time, attention, or service to someone who needs it today?

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Love One Another* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Romans 12:9-13 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

This passage describes what followers of Christ will be marked by: love, honor, zeal, joy, etc. Share about someone in your life who exemplifies these traits and how this person affects you.

Like Atsushi, we are prone to live for ourselves rather than love and serve others. How do you wrestle with this same temptation, and why?

Considering both His earthly ministry and your present day-to-day life, how has Jesus ultimately loved, served, and honored you?

Because of Christ, Atsushi became someone who could love, serve, honor, and give to those in need. Take time now to pray and ask God to help you obey His commands in Romans 12.

LOVING NOAH

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Loving Noah* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Luke 10:25-37 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Considering verses 25-28, why is it important that we first love God before we can love our neighbors as ourselves?

In verse 29, the lawyer attempts to justify himself. What are ways that you attempt to justify yourself in not loving your neighbor?

After reading the passage in its entirety, what qualities of the Good Samaritan mirror the nature of Jesus?

In the film, Dwight and his family show love to Noah because Christ has loved them. How is God stirring you to love your neighbors in response to His love for you?

MADE of IRON

DISCUSSION **GUIDE**

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Made of Iron* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

ReadJohn 15:12-14 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In verse 12, Jesus commands us to love one another. Is it easy or difficult to follow His command to love others? Take some time to consider why or why not.

Jesus says to love others as He has loved you. Taking into account other passages of Scripture, what are ways that Christ revealed His love for people?

Christ ultimately shows His love for you by laying down His very life. Considering Dorothea's story, how did His sacrificial love towards her change the way she loved others?

Because of Christ's love, Dorothea can joyfully lay down her life to love those in need. What are some practical ways God might be calling you to love someone right now?

MAN ON A MISSION

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Man on a Mission* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Psalm 107:1-3 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In the film, Aashish shares that hearing testimonies of others often speaks to his heart and challenges his faith. Recall and share about a time when someone's story or testimony did the same for you.

In the NIV version, Psalm 107:2 says, "Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story..." What hurdles or challenges keep you from sharing with others what Jesus has done in your life?

Take a few minutes to consider how God has shown His steadfast love to you in Christ. How has he redeemed you? How have you seen His goodness?

You don't need a camera like Aashish to tell your story. Take some time to pray and ask God to give you an opportunity this week to share what Christ has done for you with a friend, family member, or co-worker.

Master

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Master* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Hebrews 4:12-13 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In the film, Mads is confronted with the truth of Christ that he reads about in the Scriptures. Have you ever experienced being confronted with God's truth? How so?

Hebrews 4 says that God's Word is alive and active, revealing the secret motives and intentions of the heart. What is your honest response to this reality (e.g. fear, humility, gratitude, worry) and why?

God sees all of your sin and shortcomings, and yet He gave Christ as the perfect sacrifice, forgiving your sin and declaring you righteous in His sight. How does God's love in Christ change the way you think about this passage?

While Mads had a radical encounter with God that left him humbled and transformed, we can experience God's truth changing us in different ways in our own lives. How has God revealed Himself to you recently?

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Mean, Messy, & Marvelous* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Matthew 10:34-39 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

After coming to faith in Christ, Laura experienced the realities of the "sword" Jesus talks about in Matthew 10. Whether you've had a similar experience or not, what would you do if someone you love opposed your faith?

Laura faced continual opposition from her own father but chose faithfulness to Christ in the midst of it. When you consider the allegiance that Christ calls us to in this passage, what is your response?

Following Jesus is costly, but His love towards you is so great that He willingly gave his very life to redeem you. How does Jesus losing His life for yours help you in turn surrender your life to follow Him?

As we see in the film, our God is a God of great mercy, lavishing it on those who are least deserving. When you consider His mercy towards you, how does this change the way you view those who might oppose your faith?

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MESSENGER

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *The Messenger* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Luke 15:1-7 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In the film, Martin has great compassion for the sailors who are "lost at sea" without the hope of the Gospel. Why do you think he was so deeply moved by this reality?

In this passage, Jesus challenges the religious leaders' lack of compassion for the lost. Have you ever related to the Pharisees and scribes in this way, failing to have compassion on "sinners"? Why or why not?

Christ is the perfect Shepherd who not only pursues the lost sheep but lays His life down to save them. How were you "lost" when Jesus found you? Be specific.

Following Jesus' example, Martin joyfully shares not only the Gospel but his time, resources, and home with the strangers and foreigners on the ships. What practical steps can you take to care for the lost that God has placed around you?

MOVED

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Moved* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Philippians 2:5-11 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Anker and Tine left their familiar life to follow God's call to a new town with new neighbors. What comforts of your own might hinder you from following God's call?

Verse 7 says that Christ "emptied Himself by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men". What comforts did Christ give up, and how did He serve you by becoming human?

Christ served you further still by being obedient to death on a cross to give you true life in Him. How does His sacrifice confront your comforts mentioned in the first question?

Anker and Tine served others with the Gospel because Christ served them. Take a moment and ask God to help you do the same.

THE MUSTARD SEED

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *The Mustard Seed* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Matthew 28:18-20 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Jesus often taught about the Kingdom of God. What is it and why is it so important?

In the film, we're reminded that the Kingdom of God grows. Considering Matthew 28:18-20, what are the most tangible ways it grows today?

These verses reveal that the Kingdom grows by baptizing and teaching others to follow Jesus. What's your honest response to this (fear, joy, hope, etc.), and why?

In Matthew 28:20, Jesus promises to be with us to the end of the age. How does this free you to joyfully seek and serve God's Kingdom today?

A NEW SONG

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *A New Song* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Psalm 100 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In the film, James shares that writing songs helped him grow in his relationship with God. Do you consider music a means by which you can deepen your faith? Take some time to consider why or why not.

Psalm 100 is a song about giving thanks and praise to the Lord. What does the psalmist say about who God is, and how are you to worship Him in response?

We know that God's love and faithfulness endure forever because He sent Jesus to redeem us from sin and death. Read back through Psalm 100 with Christ in mind. How does reflecting on the Gospel change the way you worship God?

James loves singing praises to the Lord because He is worthy of it. What is one interest that you have (e.g. reading, cooking, drawing, etc.), and how can you worship the Lord through it?

Not Ashamed

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Not Ashamed* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Romans 1:16-17 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

What does Paul mean when he says that he is "not ashamed of the Gospel"?

What are some ways that you have been ashamed of the Gospel in the past or present?

What are some truths in Romans 1:16-17 that can strengthen our faith in who God is and what the Gospel does?

Like Paul and Pastor Nilton, what does it look like for you to live "not ashamed of the Gospel"?

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Not by Sight* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read 2 Corinthians 4:6-12 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In the film, Anu shares that she is happy for her blindness because it's what led her to knowing Jesus. How have your own challenges in life drawn you closer to Christ?

In Verse 7, what is the "treasure", and what are the "jars of clay"? Considering Anu's story, how does having a treasure in such a fragile vessel reveal the power of God?

Verses 10-12 remind us again of this good news: Jesus willingly gave up his life on the cross so that you could gain new life in Him. How does His loving sacrifice encourage you to not lose heart when hardship comes your way?

Even though the challenges remain, Anu joyfully serves others for the sake of Christ. How might God be inviting you to embrace your challenges so that you (and others) might experience His power?

nothing can separate us

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Nothing Can Separate Us* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Romans 8:31-39 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Verse 31 says that "if God is for us, who can be against us". Do you struggle to believe that God is for you? In what ways specifically?

In looking at this passage of Scripture, how does God ultimately show that He is for you?

Nothing can separate you from the love of Christ. How can this promise help you fight for faith when you are tempted towards sin or weary from suffering?

Read Romans 8:31-39 again out loud, and slowly. Take some time to pray and thank God for His steadfast love towards you that will never be taken away, no matter what comes in this life.

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Open the Door* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Zephaniah 3:17-19 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Verse 18 shares about those who mourn. In Junko's case, she experienced shame and isolation. How do you relate to these or similar emotions?

This passage shows how God lovingly cares for those who suffer. How have you experienced this in your own life?

Do you struggle to believe that you are precious to God? If so, how does Christ and His Gospel help you with this struggle?

Junko joyfully shares how others can open the door to God's love. How might God be calling you to share His love?

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Out of the Darkness* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Paul describes God as the "Father of mercies and God of all comfort". Do you have a hard time believing this is true? Why or why not?

Like Cory, everyone suffers and experiences pain in life. How has God brought you through suffering with a comfort that only He can offer?

In verse 6, Paul writes, "If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation." Looking to Christ as the ultimate example, how can one person's sufferings be for another person's "comfort"?

Considering the comfort Christ has given you, how might you view your own suffering as a way to comfort others?

PALOMA

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Paloma* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read 1 Peter 4:10-11 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Paloma discovered a wonderful truth: she can worship and enjoy God through her art. When you think about how you worship God, what comes to mind?

In 1 Peter 4:10, we learn that God's people have been given different gifts in order to serve one another. What is one gift God has given you specifically? (If you are among others who know you well, maybe have them answer this question for you.)

Consider Jesus, who served you in the highest form by laying down His life for you. When you think about His sacrificial gift, how does it empower you to give your own gifts to serve others and glorify Him?

Think once again about the gift God has given you. What is one practical way that He might be calling you to serve others this week with your gift?

PEANUT BUTTER & JESUS

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Peanut Butter & Jesus* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Luke 17:7-10 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Reading this passage in Luke 17, what is your initial reaction to what Jesus says to his disciples? Does it encourage you or challenge you?

Similar to the servant, Tony shares that the only way he knows how to respond to Christ's sacrifice is obedience. What has been your response to Jesus laying his life down for you?

Take a few minutes to consider the weight of what Christ has done in order to save you. How does this glorious reality help you see why obedience is the only worthy response?

Tony's obedience specifically looks like making sandwiches and handing out meals and Bibles to those living on the streets. Is there something God is specifically asking of you, and how can you take a step towards obeying Him today?

THE
PRECIOUS
DAUGHTER

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *The Precious Daughter* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Psalm 13 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Lysette endured one of the most painful experiences one can face in life. After watching her story, how are you inclined to respond to God?

In Psalm 13, David prays honestly to God with questions and grief. Can you be honest with God in the same way? Why or why not?

Lysette ultimately didn't get answers from God in her darkest season, but her faith was anchored in the eternal hope that Christ gives. How do verses 5-6 encourage you to cling to this same hope in Jesus?

Over time, God transformed Lysette's heart, enabling her to forgive the man who took her daughter's life. Is there a situation in which you need God's grace to change you? Take time to pray and ask God to transform your heart by His grace.

PREEMINENT

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Preeminent* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Colossians 1:15-23 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

What stood out to you the most in this passage of scripture?

What is your response to the truth that Jesus rules over all creation and authorities?

Verse 21 says we "were alienated and hostile in mind...". What does that mean? Give personal examples.

What are some tangible ways this passage of scripture inspires you to live for Christ and joyfully surrender to His authority?

PROOF

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Proof* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Luke 11:9-13 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

As a scientist, Josef continuously seeks after knowledge. What do you find yourself seeking after most in your life right now?

Verse 13 says that if you seek God, He will give you Himself. How is this promise better than what you often seek first in life?

Even before you sought after God, He sought after you. How does the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus prove God's pursuit of you?

How does knowing God sought you first motivate your heart to seek Him in your daily life? What would that look like practically?

Ragnhild

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Ragnhild* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In the film, Ragnhild always strived to reach "the mountaintops" in life. What is something you find yourself striving for in order to feel successful, worthy, or simply at peace with yourself?

These verses remind us that our lives, including our accomplishments and afflictions, are momentary and passing away. What is your honest response to this truth, and why?

Ragnhild realized that her worth isn't found in her accomplishments (what is "seen") but who she is in Christ. How does His sacrificial love help you surrender the things that are seen (success, self-worth, etc.) and focus your life on things that are unseen (God's love, eternal glory, etc.)?

Because of Jesus, Ragnhild has great hope for her life now and the life to come. How does the hope of eternity with Christ change the way you view your own accomplishments and afflictions?

Raised?

Part 1

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Raised? Part 1* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read John 20:24-29 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Like Ben and Jessica in the film, Thomas struggled with doubt. Have you ever struggled in your belief in Jesus Christ?

Is doubt good or bad? Explain your opinion.

What was Jesus' response to Thomas' doubt in the passage? What does this reveal about His character?

In the midst of doubt, Ben and Jessica left their faith. What draws you back to your faith in Jesus in the midst of your own doubt?

Raised?

Part 2

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Raised? Part 2* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Romans 3:10-20 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

What is your response to verses 10-11 which states, "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God."?

After they walked away from Christ, Ben and Jessica fell into a cycle of sin. Can you relate to their story? Why or why not?

Romans 6:23 says, "The wages of sin is death". How does Ben and Jessica's journey shed light on that bold statement?

Romans 3:10-20, along with the film, paint a bleak picture for all of us. Is there a way to fix this on our own? Why or why not?

Raised?

Part 3

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Raised? Part 3* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Isaiah 53 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

What is your response to this prophecy of Jesus' life and death? What emotions does it invoke in you?

Verse 5 says, "But he was pierced for our transgressions...". Do you struggle believing that Christ has taken your "transgressions"?

If you follow Christ, what transgressions or sins has Jesus taken from you? Encourage honesty.

Take some time to give thanks and glory to God for the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus.

Raised?

Part 4

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Raised? Part 4* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read 1 Peter 1:3-9 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Verse 3 mentions being "born again". We hear that term often, but what does Peter mean by saying that we are "born again"?

Verse 3 says that we are "born again to a living hope". We see this truth in Ben and Jessica's life. How are you experiencing it in yours?

Verse 4 says that our inheritance is "imperishable". How can that truth change your life today? Consider where you live and work?

Considering this scripture and seeing what God did in Ben and Jessica's lives, how is God stirring your heart to live for Him? Be specific.

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Run the Race* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Hebrews 11:1-3, 12:1-2; 1 Cor 9:24-25; Acts 20:24; 2 Timothy 4:7. out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passages of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Read Hebrews 11:1-3. What is the writer mean when he writes about the "things hoped for"? What are you putting your hope in?

Hebrews 12:1-2 talks about being uniquely designed for Christ's purposes. What are your dreams for your life? What do you think God's dreams are for your life? Are they the same?

How are you looking to Jesus to give you the strength to run the race or are you trying to do it in your own strength?

Is there purpose in your race? How do you see God equipping you in order to finish the race well?

THE SCULPTOR

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *The Sculptor* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Psalm 19:1-14 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In the film, Luca shares different ways that God communicates to His people: through creation, the prophets, and Jesus. How does this truth encourage you or challenge you?

In Psalm 19, both creation (v.1-6) and God's instruction to man (v. 7-11) speak about who He is. What do you observe about God from this passage?

Jesus is the Word of God made flesh and the one who perfectly reveals the heart of the Father. What does Christ communicate about the Father through the way He lived?

Knowing that God is a God who speaks, how might this change the way you relate to Him this week? (e.g. in your time with Him, in your work, with your neighbors, etc.)

SOME+HING MORE

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Something More* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Matthew 16:13-17 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Peter calls Jesus "the Christ, the Son of the living God". When you think about Jesus, what words come to mind?

How have you, or how do you presently, wrestle with believing that Jesus is who He says He is?

What is your honest response to Jesus' answer that "flesh and blood has not revealed this...but my Father who is in heaven"?

If Jesus is the Christ and the Son of God, what does this mean for your life right now? For non-believers (seeking, repentance, faith, etc.)? For believers (deeper trust, obedience, proclaiming the good news, etc.)?

STRENGTHEN ME

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Strenghten Me* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Isaiah 40:28-31 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

If someone asked you what makes a person "strong" in life, what would you say? (e.g. achievements, relationships, wealth, lack of problems, spiritual maturity, etc.)

These verses reveal how God is the one true source of a person's strength. What do you think it means to make God your strength?

God shows His ultimate strength through His saving power. While you could do nothing to save yourself from sin and death, God rescued you through His perfect Son, Jesus. How does this good news encourage you to look to Him today for strength?

Take time to pray and ask God for faith to trust in His strength. If there is a particular area of life where you are relying on yourself, ask Him to help you rely fully on Him instead.

STRONGER

DISCUSSION **GUIDE**

Introduction

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Stronger* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Psalm 18:1-3 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In the film, Robert desires to be the absolute strongest. Where, or to whom, do you look to find strength (wealth, relationships, yourself, etc.)?

The psalmist declares in various ways that he finds his strength in God. Do you find it hard to believe that God is your strength? Why or why not?

True strength is found in Christ, who delivered you from your enemies (sin, Satan, and death) through His sacrifice on the cross. How is He better than where you often look to find strength?

Robert joyfully puts faith in Christ rather than himself. What would it practically look like to rely on Christ's strength above all else?

UNDERRATED

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Underrated* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Matthew 20:25-28 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Ondrej loves being a football coach and enjoys the relationships with his team. What unique roles or relationships has God given you?

In verse 26, Jesus says true greatness comes through serving. Do you see your God-given roles and relationships as opportunities to serve others? Why or why not?

Jesus ultimately served others by giving up his life. How does His sacrificial love change how you think about serving those around you?

Ondrej's service comes at a cost. What are some ways God is calling you to serve, even at the expense of time, reputation, money, etc.?

UPSIDE DOWN

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Upside Down* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Luke 14:25-33 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In Luke 14, Jesus says that being His disciple requires allegiance to Him above all else. What is your initial response to His challenging words?

Sebastian's faith required that he count the cost of following Jesus. Why do you think Jesus says this is necessary as His disciple?

Sebastian's old life was nothing compared to the life he received in Christ. How is Jesus better than what you give your allegiance to?

Following Jesus isn't easy, but God's grace enables you, just like it does Sebastian. What is one way you see God's grace meeting you as you follow Him?

VAPOR

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Vapor* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read 1 John 2:15-17 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Verse 15 commands, "Do not love the world". What does it mean to love the world, and how does it conflict with loving God?

Verse 16 mentions three temptations that come "from the world". Which are you most drawn to in place of loving God?

Verse 17 says, "...whoever does the will of God will abide forever." How did Jesus accomplish the Father's will on your behalf?

How does God's love for you displayed through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection empower you to accomplish the will of God in your life today?

The WAY FORWARD

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Watch *The Way Forward* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Proverbs 3:5-8 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

In the film, Cole talks about ways he experiences hardship at work, especially when he tries to control the outcome. What are some hardships that you experience within your own day-to-day work?

Proverbs 3:5-8 instructs you to lay down your own wisdom and control, and to trust God in all things. Considering the challenges you face, do you find this instruction to be easy or difficult, and why?

Cole's ultimate hope doesn't lie in the outcomes of his workday but rather in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. How does the good news of Jesus free you to fully trust God with your circumstances?

Through his work, Cole is learning how to let go of his own understanding, turn to God, and trust Him. How might God be inviting you to do the same today? (Give a specific example if you can.)

WAYWARD

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Step 1: Watch

Watch *Wayward* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Luke 15:11-32 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

This passage in Luke 15 tells of a father who greatly loved both of his sons. Do you relate to either of these sons, and if so, how?

In light of God's love for him, Carlos shares that he is learning how to be a son. If you were to describe what it means to be a son or a daughter of God, what would you say?

Like Carlos, we can see how this parable reveals God's love as the Heavenly Father, who willingly gave up His Son to bring you into His family. What does this say about the lengths God goes to in order to make you His beloved son or daughter?

Take some time to pray and thank God for welcoming you into His family and loving you as His child. Ask Him to give you an opportunity to share that love with someone you know this week.

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Watch *Wherever, Whatever, However* with your small group and allow time for reflection and observation after the film is finished.

Step 2: Read

Read Matthew 5:14-16 out loud and allow time for reflection and observation of the passage of Scripture.

Step 3: Discuss

Jesus says in Verse 14 that, "you are the light of the world". What does it mean to be "the light of the world"?

Considering verse 15, have you ever or are you presently putting your light "under a basket"? Encourage honesty.

In verse 16, what is the fruit of letting "your light shine before others"? How have you experienced this in your own life?

In the film, Jay and his wife let their light shine by planting a church in Rio. How is God stirring your heart to let your light shine?

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