

AT THE MOVIES

At The Movies, Week 4

God's truth is everywhere, even in your favorite movies. This month, you'll gain real-life wisdom while watching some of your favorite films and feel uplifted and inspired.

Conversation Starter: *Have some fun as you break the ice.*

- What was your least favorite period of grade school and why?
- Share the most family-friendly film you've seen recently.

Key Scriptures: *Let God's word frame the conversation. Take a minute to read this selected passage together as a Group.*

- 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; James 1:2-4; Romans 8:28

Discussion Questions: *Pick a few questions below to guide your time.*

Starting Sharing: *Choose a question or two to create openness.*

- Who is someone you know who has shown incredible strength and courage through hardship?
- When and where have you looked for meaning and identity but come short?
- Share a time you grew through a season of adversity.

Start Thinking: *Choose a question or two to think critically about the subject.*

- What comes to mind when you hear the word strength? How does that differ for followers of Jesus?
- How is it possible to boast in weakness?
- Why do you think we experience God more tangibly in our struggles rather than joys?

Make it Personal: *Choose a question or two to help you identify your best next step.*

- What situation have you asked God to remove that he hasn't chosen to yet?
- How might your perspective shift if you lean into God's strength and plan instead of your own?
- Who can you learn from and encourage those walking through difficult circumstances?

Next Steps: *Everybody has a next step. Check out some ideas below to help you grow by doing.*

- **Shift from why to what:** When we face adversity, instead of asking "why God," consider what He is trying to work for your good in this situation.
- **Shift from resist to embrace:** Instead of pushing back from your weakness, embrace God's presence and strength in those moments.

Prayer: *Invite God to do what only He can do!*

Heavenly Father, we don't always understand your plans or purposes. In those seasons where we ask why, would you teach us to ask what? Please help us not miss the work you want to do in and through us, and believe that you are there with us offering your strength and comfort. Amen.