

DISCUSSION GUIDE

NOVEMBER

VSM AT THE MOVIES





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The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

SUMMARY

Jesus would tell parables (stories) with the end goal of people learning a spiritual lesson/principle. Movies are like modern day parables. For the next 2 weeks at VSM we're "At the Movies". Meaning we're taking movies and bringing them to you with a Biblical teaching. Not every movie that will be shown is a Christian movie. But we can take Christian principles out of these movies for the glory of God.

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe tells the story of four siblings who discover the magical land of Narnia, trapped under the curse of an evil White Witch who makes it "always winter, but never Christmas." In this world, they meet Aslan, a majestic lion who represents Jesus Christ. When Edmund betrays his siblings, Aslan sacrifices himself in Edmund's place, just as Jesus died to save humanity from sin. However, Aslan rises from the dead, defeating evil and breaking the Witch's power, symbolizing Christ's victory over death. The film powerfully mirrors the Gospel message of redemption, forgiveness, and the triumph of love over darkness.

KEY POINTS / VERSES

John 15:13 (NKJV) 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

Jesus is our hope! And our hope is in Jesus!

Romans 6:23 (NIV) 23 For the wages of sin is death...

Hebrews 9:22b 22b... and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT) 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

The resurrection of Jesus gives us victory over death.



01. 12 Mighty Orphans

SUMMARY

12 Mighty Orphans tells the true story of a group of orphaned boys in the Great Depression who form a football team under the guidance of their coach, Rusty Russell. Despite having no shoes, equipment, or hope, the boys learn discipline, courage, and unity through their coach's belief in them. Rusty's selfless love and sacrifice reflect the heart of Jesus—seeing value where the world sees none and giving purpose to the broken. As the team rises against impossible odds, their journey becomes a story of redemption, faith, and grace in action. The film reminds viewers that God can use the overlooked and forgotten to do extraordinary things when led by love and hope.

KEY POINTS / VERSES

Hebrews 13:5b (NIV)

2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (NIV)

3 STEPS TO GETTING OUT OF LONELINESS

#1 Refocus on what's happening **IN** you, not **TO** you.

#2 Rely on God's presence because **HE** always delivers.

#3 Rely on godly relationships.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When in your life have you felt “like an orphan”—isolated, forgotten, or disconnected from God and others?
2. Read **2 Corinthians 1:6-9**, what stands out?
3. Think of a hard season in your life - how might God have been using that time to do something in you rather than just something to you?

PERSONAL REFLECTION

- Which of the devil's strategies is affecting you the most in this season?



02. VSM FRIENDSGIVING

SUMMARY

We have much to be thankful for when we consider the life, sacrifice, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus represents the ultimate gift of love, grace, and salvation, and we owe our very existence and eternal hope to Him. The Bible teaches that Jesus is not just a historical figure, but the Son of God who came to reveal the Father's heart and to restore humanity's broken relationship with Him. As Christians, our gratitude for Jesus should stem from a deep understanding of who He is and what He has done for us.

Paul in the new testament truly understood how to be content and grateful, regardless of the situation he was living in. Here are some powerful verses and points that help us understand how to be grateful in every season.

KEY POINTS / VERSES

Philippians 4:12(NIV) 12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned THE SECRET of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

The Secret to Contentment: Gratitude for Jesus

Contentment does NOT come from our external circumstances

1 Corinthians 15:57 (NIV) 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 9:15 (NIV) 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Philippians 3:8 (NLT) 8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ.