

DO YOU BELIEVE?

Discussion Guide

For Leaders: *Do You Believe?* challenges viewers to embrace faith in Jesus Christ, and to live out their faith by reaching out to others in their lives.

Opening Prayer: *Heavenly Father, show us ways that we can share your love with a hurting world. Amen.*

Suggested Scripture Readings: *James 1:22, James 2:26, Jeremiah 29:11-13, Romans 12:1, Romans 8:28-30*

1. Pastor Matthew meets an old street preacher who asks, "Do you believe in the cross of Christ? And if you believe, what are you going to do about it?" How would you answer those questions?
2. As we meet the various characters, we realize they are at different stages of faith. But God is working in each one's life. Do you see God working in the lives of others around you? What does it look like?
3. Several times throughout the movie, characters make small choices that have a big impact on others. Joe gives up his place in line at the hospital. Carlos talks to Lacy on the bridge. Pastor Matthew stops to help Maggie. Has God ever used one of your small choices to make a difference in someone's life?
4. In Pastor Matthew's sermon, he points out that the Cross challenges us to make a change. What are some of the changes you've made in response to Christ's sacrifice and love?
5. Bobby, the paramedic, faces severe consequences for sharing his faith with a dying man. When he is awaiting his first court date, the prosecutor says, "This cross is going to cost you." Is there a cost to following Christ? What does that look like? Would you - like Bobby - stand for your faith?
6. Not every sacrifice involves losing a job and facing public pressure. For Teri and J.D., it meant giving up their grief. How did their sacrifice change their lives?
7. Romans 12:1 calls us to become a "living sacrifice." What does that mean in your life?
8. God often uses our sacrifice - or pain - as a way to reach others. What does II Corinthians 1:3-4 say about this? How can God use your story to help someone else?
9. The film shows that God can use your life to impact people we don't even know. Are you aware that God may be using your words and actions to reach others? How should you respond?
10. Now that you've seen the film, has it challenged you to look for ways to live out your faith? What will you do about it?

Closing Prayer: *Heavenly Father, thank you for reminding us of your love and sacrifice. Work through us so that we can point others to you. Amen.*