

### At The Movies- The Green Book

*People tend to gravitate to those who share their opinions, beliefs, and biases while keeping those who are different at a distance. Jesus shows a better way that left people who were nothing like him, liking him. How can we model God's heart and see the value in every life?*

#### **Conversation Starter: Pick one of the questions below to get started-**

- Growing up, were you exposed to much diversity?
- One thing you cannot tell just by looking at me is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

**Question 1:** Who is someone different than you that you admire? What qualities or characteristics do you find intriguing?

**Question 2:** The Green Book is a movie about overcoming prejudice. What are some ways that Don Shirley and Tony Lip have to work past their assumptions about one another?

- **Read 1 Samuel 16:7**

**Question 3:** Prejudice is a preconceived opinion formed without merit or experience. What are some ways prejudices inform our perspectives, even in 2019?

**Question 4:** As Don Shirley and Tony Lip get to know one another, everything changes. How can spending time with someone break down our preconceived notions? Why is it easier to spend time with people who are like you and me?

**Question 5:** Jesus was inclusive. In what ways have his followers become exclusive? What's the danger in trying to keep out the type of people Jesus invited in?

**Question 6:** Building a community like Jesus envisioned is about bringing together all ethnicities, interests, ages, and economic statuses. How can we begin to connect with those who are different from us and call out the beauty we see within?

#### **Next Steps:**

- **Look Inside:** Take some time to identify any ways you make snap judgments about those who are different from you. Ask God to help you see others by their character, not their appearance.
- **Get Out:** Look for opportunities to spend time with people who are different than you to stretch your perspective- you'll be glad you did.

#### **Prayer:**

God, please help us to see people as you see them. May we have the heart of Jesus, building bridges with those who are different from us rather than putting up walls. Give us the ability to see the beauty and giftedness that you have hand-crafted in the DNA of others so we can appreciate their unique perspective and contribution.