



At The Movies Extended Cut, Week 1

Take a seat and enjoy behind-the-scenes conversations with our teachers in *At The Movies Extended Cut*. In these talks, speakers discuss why they chose their film and give more insights into how these movies can help us do life well.

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

- Would you rather go to the theater or watch a movie on Netflix?
- Share your favorite underdog story.

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

- *Proverbs 21:5; Matthew 5:38-42; Romans 12:17*

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

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

- Are you someone who cheers for the underdog? Why or why not?
- Share a time when you or someone you knew was the long shot but came out on top.
- What is a difficult person or situation in your life that you are dealing with right now?

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

- How can having a vision for your future help you stay on course when life gets complicated?
- Describe the difference between being driven and being overbearing.
- What makes Jesus' instructions in Matthew 5:38-42 so tough to practice? How did Richard Williams apply those words through his circumstances?

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

- Do you have a clear and compelling vision for your future?
- What step can you take this month to move from concept to inception?
- How can you begin to trust God in your current circumstances or when you find yourself as the unlikely bet?

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

- **Invite-** At the Movies is better with others. Invite a friend, family member, co-worker, neighbor, or anyone else to join you. Check out our **digital invite tools**.
- **Memorize-** This month, memorize Proverbs 3:6, which says, "Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take."

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

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us wisdom and direction when we ask you! We are grateful that you care for the underdog- sending Jesus to rescue each one of us who didn't stand a chance apart from you. Amen.