

At the Movies- Week 4

You probably don't usually look to movies for life lessons, but take our word for it—sit back, relax, and hear a different perspective on how popular films can tell us how to live the best life.

Conversation Starter:

- Who is your all-time favorite superhero? If you're too cool to have one now, who was your favorite as a kid?
- If you could have any superpower of your choice, what would it be and why?

Watch:

• ATM Bonus Feature- Week 4

Discussion Questions:

- I. What is the most exotic vacation you've ever taken? How did you do at readjusting to normal life?
- 2. Transitions can be tricky. How did Peter Parker struggle to go back to life as usual in Spiderman, Homecoming?
- 3. Why do you think we are drawn to adventure rather than seemingly ordinary opportunities that present themselves in our everyday lives?

• Read Ephesians 2:10

- 4. The Apostle Paul tells us that God has handcrafted opportunities especially with us in mind. As you examine your personality, what gifts or passions has God hardwired into you that you can leverage to make an impact?
- 5. Describe a time when someone made a significant impact in your life by doing something ordinary.
- 6. Greatness and impact come from doing the little things consistently over time. What are some areas you need to focus on daily that will pay dividends for decades to come? (Hint: Date your spouse, spend more time with your kids, and less time on your phone, go for a walk instead of turning on Netflix, etc.)

Next Steps:

- Look for the extraordinary in the ordinary. Be present in the moments God has given you and be faithful in the little things consistently.
- Discover your passions. Gain a greater understanding of how God has designed you to serve. <u>Take</u> <u>a spiritual gifts test</u>.

Prayer:

Thank God for designing you on purpose, with purpose. Pray for the wisdom to see the opportunities in front of you and to act accordingly. Ask God to create a passion within you to make a difference wherever He has placed you in this season. Remember, faithfulness over time is what leads to greatness.

Weekly Challenge:

If we're honest, many of us struggle with wanting to be significant. Not many people wake up thinking, "I'd rather not leave my mark on the world today."

The trouble is, few of us are called to be in the spotlight. So, how can we make a difference in this world without being renown?

One day Jesus was telling a story about three managers. One of the three wasted an opportunity, and it cost him dearly. However, two of those managers managed well and were rewarded for their faithfulness.

"His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' -Matthew 25:21

The secret to making an impact is through faithfulness in the little things. Don't try to cut corners or jump right into the things you think are significant. Be faithful with whatever God has given you and ultimately He will trust you with more opportunities.

For this week's challenge, identify one thing you need to spend more time investing in this week. Take an inventory of your life and ask, "How am I doing at managing the opportunities that God has given to me. (Hint: This could be as a spouse, a parent, a friend, an employee, a boss, etc.)

Share It:

Want to enjoy a movie with your peeps? Each week of the series we'll pick a new group or family to enjoy a night out to the theater, all you have to do is follow the instructions below to be entered for your chance to win.

- I. Take a few minutes right now and write down some of the areas that God has given you a position of influence.
- **2.** Pick one of those areas you need to spend more time on to be a better manager of what God has given to you.
- **3.** Write down that one thing on a piece of paper and put it somewhere to serve as a daily reminder over the next week.
- **4.** Snap a picture and share the image on Twitter or Instagram and use the hashtag #StrongerTogether and #LCBCAtTHEMovies.
- 5. Stay tuned. We'll announce the winners each week, so be sure to check your social accounts!