

At The Movies, Boys In The Boat

Step into an immersive movie scene, watch an iconic film and walk away with real-life wisdom you didn't know you needed.

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

- What is your favorite team sport?
- If you could compete in any Olympic event, what would it be and why?

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

- *Jeremiah 31:3; 1 John 4:18; Romans 8:1; James 5:16; Ephesians 2:10*

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

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

- When were you part of a team or community where you felt accepted and part of a whole?
- Where do you see our culture push for autonomy or self-sufficiency?
- Share when someone came alongside you and spoke life-giving words of encouragement.

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

- How have we made faith too private, and what makes that dangerous?
- When you think about Church, do you think about a team to belong to or an event to attend? Why?
- Why is quitting more costly than facing challenging circumstances?

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

- What is your "I don't care" attitude directed at most right now? How can you overcome that fear or indifference to fight for positive change?
- Is there any shame or baggage from your past currently affecting the quality and direction of your present circumstances?
- Who or what is at stake if you don't bring your best for others?

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

- **Face the Past-** Authenticity trumps polish. Come clean about your past with a trusted community to experience genuine love, belonging, and freedom.
- **Fight for the Future-** God has made you on purpose and for a purpose. Don't throw in the towel when things seem overwhelming or hopeless, but pursue God's best by doing the hard work.

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

God, thank you for loving us and seeing our value, even when we don't. Thank you for creating your Church to be a team where we can belong and contribute as we experience unconditional love and acceptance. Amen.