

At The Movies, Mission: Impossible – Dead Reckoning Part One

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.*

- Who is your favorite action-adventure hero?
- What was your go-to video game growing up?

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

- 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 5:8; Hebrews 8:12; Philippians 2:12; Matthew 20:1-16; Psalm 103:12

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

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

- What scene or scenes from your life would you wipe out of existence or do over if given the chance?
- Share the most selfless thing another person has done for you.
- When have you chosen to be part of something bigger than yourself, not out of obligation but gratitude?

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

- Define grace in your own words. What makes grace such a foreign or unbelievable concept?
- In what ways does our culture tout the idea of karma- getting what you deserve?
- What is the difference between effort and trying to earn God's favor?

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

- Have you accepted God's grace that he offers you? If so, are you living like you have a clean slate, or are you still being weighed down by your past?
- How can you begin living out a posture of thankfulness and gratitude for what Jesus has done for you?
- What from your past do you need to surrender to God?

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

- **Accept Grace-** God is not mad at you; He is mad about you. He sent His only Son so that you could be rescued and restored to God. You can't earn this gift but can freely receive it by trusting in Jesus's death and resurrection.
- **Live in Gratitude-** Grace is opposed to earning, not effort. As you fully follow Jesus, partner with God's Holy Spirit to become more and more like Him. We don't work to earn God's love but to say thank you to Him.

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

God, thank you for your grace toward us because of Jesus. Please help us to embrace the reality that we are fully loved and accepted, not because we deserve it but because you have given us a clean slate. May we live our lives in gratitude in response to your amazing love for us. Amen.