



# AT THE MOVIES

## GROUPS STUDY GUIDE

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### MAIN IDEA

It's in our weaknesses and hardest times where God meets us, and inviting others into those struggles create deep bonds.

### WELCOME 10 MINUTES

When was a time in your life where God or someone else encouraged you in a dark moment? How much did that encouragement mean during that time?

### WORSHIP 10 MINUTES

Our God loves us more than we can ever imagine. It's in that love where we can be free to be fully known, fully accepted, and invited into moving towards Jesus in rich community. Before we jump into our study, let's sing or reflect on two or three worship songs that turn our eyes to God. You can pick a favorite, or choose from the following list: 1) "One Thing Remains" by Passion Music (2) "All the Poor and Powerless" by All Sons and Daughters (3) "You Make Me Brave" by Bethel Music (4) "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" by Stuart Townsend.

### WORD 35 MINUTES

1. Read *Matthew 5:3-12*. The Beatitudes given by Jesus is a list of people who are blessed, but the list is not who we think it would be. Which beatitude sticks out to you? Why?
2. In this list, Jesus wants to reorient our expectations of blessings because the real blessing is encountering God. Is there a beatitude that is hard for you to see as a blessing? How does the promise attached to it give you hope?

3. Read *James 1:2-4* and *Romans 5:3-5*. According to these passages why should we rejoice in suffering?
4. Read *Ephesians 4:31-32*. What are we called to get rid of in our hearts? According to this passage are there any exceptions? Why?
5. Rather, how are we called to treat one another? Why are we called to treat each other this way?
6. Read *Proverbs 17:17*. What are the circumstances in which a friend loves a friend? When are the hardest times to love somebody?
7. Read *Galatians 6:2*. This command goes both ways. We love others by helping them carry burdens, but in order for others to help us carry burdens we have to let them. In what way can this group help you carry burdens?

### WORKS 5 MINUTES

1. **Action Challenge:** If you are hurting or struggling with something, this week make an appointment to vulnerably invite someone into your reality. An invitation for coffee or a meal together might just be the time to ask someone, "Can I tell you about something hard in my life right now?" If you aren't hurting or struggling, make it a point to look for someone who might need an encouraging word or some time with a true friend.
2. **Vision Nights (Feb 1 & Feb 8):** Don't forget to join us for one of our two remaining Vision Nights! Make sure to RSVP at Summit's website and bring someone along to enjoy the experience of seeing where Summit is headed in 2019.