



AT THE MOVIES

Week 1: *Saving Mr. Banks*

WELCOME

Everybody loves a good story. What's your favorite movie? What about it makes it your favorite? (Yeah, only name one of your 100 favorites, we don't want to spend all night here). Why are movies so powerful in telling a story?

WORSHIP

Two Options:

- Play the song, "All Things New" by Elevation Church. Spend some time soaking in the truth of this song. Sometimes worship songs help our hearts to believe what our heads already know. How might this song be speaking into your life?
- Read Isaiah 43:18-19. Have a time of celebration to focus on God's movement in you. How is the Lord currently doing a new thing in your life? Where can we celebrate what God is doing in your life?

WORD

1. (Optional Reflection Question): What was something you remember or took away from this weekend's message?
2. Read Isaiah 43:18-19. What is the imagery used in this passage? What is the significance of the images used? What is Isaiah communicating through this imagery?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Romans 6:1-4. What is the power of being a new creation? What power does the cross, resurrection, and our baptism have in letting our past or former selves go?

4. This past weekend we talked about how the past can influence or hinder our present. What is something from your past that seems to impact your present life?
5. Read Revelation 21:1-7. How does this picture of heaven give you hope for this life?
6. When a runner is trying to move their fastest, they have to keep their eyes and their head pointed forward. If they turn or look back they will be unable to reach their fastest potential speed. When trying to move forward, we can hinder ourselves by continuing to focus on our past hurts or guilt. Read Philippians 3:13-14. What is this passage telling us?
7. What is the race you are trying to run for Christ right now (your faith or ministry goal)? How would you benefit from looking forward to what is ahead? What is a ministry opportunity God might have on the horizon for you? How could you use your past as an opportunity for ministry?

WORKS & WITNESS

1. Write down tangible "kingdom purpose" you have in your life. This kingdom purpose will take hard work and dedication but will be done by God in your life with the cooperation of the Holy Spirit. Know what you are running after, so the distractions are also clear.
2. Serve Week. The first full week of May will be our annual Serve Week where the entire church is participating in community projects that make a difference. LIFE Groups will have first dibs so make plans and sign up!