



Sunday Teaching Discussion Guide: AT THE MOVIES 09.16.2018

Recap:

- The Old Testament is full of books written by people who were trying to capture what God meant to them and what he was doing in their lives. The New Testament is full of stories of followers trying to find their way in their new faith. One of the writers, Paul, was trying to link the actions of a church in Corinth with what the Israelites experienced in the Old Testament.
- Paul says that God did many miraculous things for the Israelites and they still struggled to live the way God wanted them to live, and the church in Corinth was in this same situation.
- Like those in the church in Corinth and the Israelites, we struggle in the same way. We struggle to overcome our mistakes and maintain a deep, honest, authentic relationship with God.
- Sometimes we struggle because we are afraid to accept the full change Jesus calls us to.
- God does not expect us to be perfect, however. He loves us and wants us to make continual gains in our lives.

Discuss:

- READ 1 Corinthians 10:1-5
- Thinking about how the early Christians likely admired some of the Old Testament figures, can you think of any people that you look up or admire that have struggles as well?
- Why do you think the Israelites struggled to follow God's commands enough after seeing all the miraculous things he had done for them in bringing them out of Egypt?
- READ 1 Corinthians 10:6-10
- Paul writes that the Israelites can be examples for us. What do you think he means when he says "they are supposed to keep us from wanting evil things"?
- READ 1 Corinthians 10:11-13
- How is it that "when you think you are standing firm, you might fall"? How are we susceptible to failure when we are overly confident?
- When Paul writes that "when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it", what do you think he means? What do you think is "the way out"?
- If you are comfortable with sharing, what is something that you still struggle with even though you continually try to free yourself from this struggle? What do you think are some ways out that God may provide for you?

Pray: Invite members of your group to share prayer requests. Give a short prayer thanking God for your group discussion and asking God to be with the requests that have been shared.

Read at Home: Additional Readings about Struggles

- Psalm 51
- Mark 10:24-31
- 1 John 1:5-10