



## Sunday Teaching Discussion Guide: AT THE MOVIES 09.23.2018

### Recap:

- “Church” in America can feel a bit like running an irrelevant museum, but instead of being a stuffy museum of artifacts and exhibits, church is supposed to be a place of action.
- Jesus gathered people who were viewed as the outcasts of society and helped bring out their gifts.
- Jesus’ Great Commission in Matthew 28 implores his followers to be active in the world around us. God invites, encourages, and demands us to step up and be the next generation telling God’s story to this world.
- We will never be the church God is creating us to be until we all become the ministers God needs. It’s not about filling gaps it’s about fulfilling purpose, telling your story, becoming who God created you to be.

### Discuss:

- Have you seen “The Greatest Showman”? If so, what did you make of the film?
- READ Romans 3:19-24
- How do you think we become “conscious of our sin” through the law? How does the law, the rules and regulations of the old testament, make us realize that we are sinners?
- What do you make of the phrase we are “justified freely by his grace”? Why is the word “freely” important?
- READ Galatians 3:26-28
- How do you think the readers of Paul’s letter responded to the phrase, “There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus”?
- Why do you think it’s important as a community to recognize that we are all sinners and that we are all one in Christ Jesus?
- READ Matthew 28:16-20
- How does Jesus empower his followers in this passage?
- The word “go” in this passage is best translated “as you are going”. Does that change your understanding of these verses? What impact does that translation have?
- Do you feel particularly called to tell your story to anyone? If you feel comfortable, what do you feel like saying in your story?

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 96
- John 15:16-17
- Matthew 10