



## **Sunday Teaching Discussion Guide: AT THE MOVIES 09.30.2018**

### Recap:

- While we give the ones we love the benefit of the doubt and choose to see their beauty instead of their flaws, we rarely give ourselves that same kind of leniency. Sometimes we wonder: If God made me on purpose, why do I have so many flaws?
- While our strengths often lead us to become prideful, our weaknesses often lead us to humility. God looks at our weaknesses and, through him, turns them into strengths. If God used our strengths all the time, we would not be dependent on him.
- In his life, Jesus chose broken people -- not those respected in society -- to become his disciples. He looked at their weaknesses and saw strengths.
- Instead of focusing on our weaknesses and our depravity, we should focus on the fact that God made us the way we are and we should praise God for his creations.

### Discuss:

- Have you seen or read "A Wrinkle in Time"? What do you make of the story?
- Madeleine L'Engel once wrote, "Almost every definition I find of being a Christian is also a definition of being an artist...art is an affirmation of life, a rebuttal of death." What do you make of this quote?
- Do you think there is a difference between someone who considers him/herself a Christian artist and someone who considers him/herself an artist who is a Christian?
- READ 1 Corinthians 1:26-30
- Do you consider yourself to be wise or influential by human standards (or worldly standards)? Do you think that you are well-respected by human standards (or worldly standards)?
- How do you think wisdom from God differs from human or worldly wisdom?
- READ 2 Corinthians 12:8-10
- What do you think it means to "boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses"? How does someone boast in weakness?
- If you feel comfortable, share a weakness that you think God can use for his glory.

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 Relying on God

- Psalm 113
- Isaiah 40
- Luke 14:1-14