

WEEKEND RECAP DISCUSSION GUIDE



CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES - IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

SERIES & TITLE



BIG IDEA

God uses us in the ordinary and makes life extraordinary.



ICE BREAKER

Take a look back on 2023. What have been some “wonderful” moments of the past year?



MAIN POINTS

1. We all seek purpose and meaning in life. Like George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life", we want our lives to matter.
2. True purpose and meaning is found in following Jesus. The way of Jesus as outlined in the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10) is where real blessing and purpose is found.
3. Our ordinary lives have extraordinary impact. When we love people the way Jesus did, our lives touch others in profound ways, even if we don't realize it.



DISCUSS

1. When have you struggled with feeling purposeless? What was going on and how did you work through it?
2. Which of the beatitudes do you most resonate with? Which one do you struggle with the most? How can you lean into the harder ones?
3. Who is someone that has deeply impacted your life, perhaps without even realizing it? How could you let them know?
4. What is one way you can love or serve someone this season to make their life better, the way Jesus would?
5. What did you learn from this sermon and conversation that you want to put into practice in your life?



CHALLENGE

Make it a point to text or call at least one person who has impacted your life today OR Commit to doing at least one random act of kindness for someone this week.



SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:3-10 Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEAK

Join us next week for the first services of 2024!

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