

AT THE MOVIES



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THE SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION – WEEK 2

Small Group Time:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with key questions, add any optional Scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

Main Idea:

There's something special about the movies. It's the popcorn, the big screens, the crowds, the thrills, and the storyline. Every great movie has a great story. But what if somewhere underneath it all, those great stories revealed some incredible truths for our lives? That's what this series is all about. We're taking some of our favorite movies & uncovering some incredible truth that has the potential to change our lives. Are you ready? Sit back. Relax. And enjoy the show!

Key Questions:

1. At the beginning of the message, we shared our favorite movie of all-time with the person beside us. Share with the group your favorite movie of all-time.
2. Andy & Red find themselves in jail serving life sentences. That is a trapped & hopeless situation. Have you ever found yourself trapped in something/somewhere you didn't want to be? How did you feel?
3. Check out this fact... 70% of prisoners who commit suicide do so in solitary confinement. We need other people in the midst of our difficult situations. Do you tend to seek others out or go into isolation when things are hard? How can you get better at this?
4. In difficult situations, why is it so easy to use the weapon of whine (or complain or blame)? Do you find yourself sinking into this tendency often? Do you find that tactic makes things better or worse?
5. Read **Acts 16:25-27**. Paul, Silas, and the rest of the prisoners didn't try to escape. Why... because when our eyes are fixed on God, we lose sight of our miserable conditions. What are ways you can fix your eyes on God more often – in spite of your tough circumstances?
6. Read **Romans 5:5**. Why is it so easy to overlook God as the ultimate source of hope in our lives? What are some other places that we've thought would give us hope, or a solution, that never quite did what we hoped?

Next Steps:

- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?