

THE ULTIMATE GIFT DISCUSSION GUIDE

Love, Faithfulness, Work

Note: one scary scene in the jungle which includes drinking and guns firing

- What kind of topics does this movie address? *Riches, work ethic, friendship,*
- What aging issues did this film make you aware of? *Inheritance, leaving a lasting legacy*
- Do you think it is a “seniors” responsibility to leave an inheritance and a lasting legacy for good? *Proverbs 13:22, A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.*
- Jason called Gus a “Geriatric Cowboy.” What did he mean? Would you consider that an insult? *He is an old man living on a big ranch with old ways of doing life*
- In the song, *Serve Somebody*, the lyrics say, “It may be the devil and it may be the Lord, but you’re going to have to serve somebody.” What does he mean?
- In the series of gifts, which do you think would have been the hardest? Why?
 - Gift of work: Putting up fence
 - Gift of friends: Losing all your “things” and see who your friends really are.
 - Gift of giving: Give away all you make.
 - Gift of family: Count your blessings. Emily
 - Gift of learning: Ecuador library
 - Gift of problems:
 - Gift of laughter: Ecuador party in Jason’s honor
 - Gift of dreams: the perfect day, making other people’s dreams come true
- What would you consider to be the main point of the story? Do you agree or disagree with that point? *Life is how you live it, not how you spend it. The relationship between wealth and happiness*
- Like Jason, God designed each one of us, regardless of our age, for purpose.
 - What is your purpose?
 - What is your dream?
- Mr. Hamilton asked Miss Hastings if she thought he was old. Mr. Hamilton was considering retiring from the law-firm and going to work for Jason. Why would he do that? *To work with Jason Stevens and change the world!*
 - You’re never too old to have new beginnings
 - “If you’re not dead, you’re not done.” Craig Groeschel

- Which character did you admire most? Why?
- What character is most like you? How?
 - Howard “Red” Stevens: rich, full of regret and restitution, purpose
 - Jason: spoiled, restless, angry, teachable
 - Gus: Texas cattle rancher “Geriatric Cowboy”
 - Kayla: Jason’s first girlfriend
 - Emily: has leukemia, speaks her mind, knows God
 - Emily’s mom: a good single mom,
 - Mr. Hamilton: wise, financially savvy,
- How do the morals onscreen compare with the values you've been learning at home, school or church? *it doesn't hold to the values of "courting," kissing, dancing, being alone together that many hold dear.*
- BIBLE EXERCISE: Bible Drill: 1 Timothy 6:10
 - **Money/Affluence:** *For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.* 1 Timothy 6:10
 - In your concordance, look up MONEY& INHERITANCE. How many references are there to them?
 - The Bible contains 2,350 verses dealing with money and possessions. 15% of everything Jesus said had to do with money. God knows how we handle money affects and reflects our relationship with Him. <http://www.crowncanada.ca/index.cfm?i=11829&mid=17&showid=9313>
- Do you agree/disagree with this statement?
 - Every happening great or small is a parable whereby God speaks to us, and the art of life is to get the message – Malcom Muggeridge
 - You don't begin to live until you've lost everything.
 - Life should be lived not avoiding problems, but welcoming them as challenges that will strengthen us so that we can be victorious in the future.
 - Any process worth going through will get tougher before it gets easier. That's what makes learning a gift, even if pain is your teacher.
 - My dream is to be with people I love, who love each other, & who love me.
- TAKE HOME
 - What is God's purpose for you right now? Find your purpose!
- ACTION
 - Ask a senior: “What lessons have you learned about money?”
 - Ask a senior: “What is your purpose?”