

THOUGH NONE GO WITH ME DISCUSSION GUIDE

Love, Faithfulness – Mentorship

Note: will need tissues!

Background: Setting is in 1951 and America is caught in the Korean War. *Based on the book by Jerry Jenkins, author of best-selling **Left Behind** series.*

- What kind of topics does this movie address? *War, love, grief, adversity*
- What aging issues did this film make you aware of? *Impacting the next generation with wisdom from experience through story-telling, Alzheimer's, widowhood*
- What would you consider to be the main point of the story? Do you agree or disagree with that point? *Convincing her wayward grand-daughter that all she endured was worth it. God can carry us through when tragedy happens and even use our lives as an example and an encouragement to others.*
- Do you think it is a "seniors" responsibility to share their wisdom, their stories and how God helped them through, with the younger generations? *Psalm 78:4,7 Be open to the wisdom of grand-parents and great-grand-parents*
- Which character did you admire most? Why?
- What character is most like you? How?
 - Elizabeth: she continued on in her faith even though she didn't feel like it
 - Minister: He followed God first
 - 1st Husband: patience, preparing for the future
- 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 are opposite of what many hold dear. There was swearing & the pastor became interested in a girl who wasn't a Christian at the time, the couple lived together as friends for awhile*
- What type of character qualities develop in this movie? *Trust, faith, selflessness, endurance/determination, love, influence,*
- What might happen if you imitated the choices or behaviors of the people in this movie?

- Do the themes in this story reflect reality? Do they reflect truth? Share specific examples from the movie as you discuss the difference. *Our faith is tested with certain life tragedies*
- BIBLE EXERCISE:
 - Bible Drill: Look up the following and read and talk about how they might relate to this movie:
 - *Jeremiah 29:11*, For I know the plans I have for you”—this is the LORD’s declaration—“plans for your welfare, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.
 - *Romans 8:28*, We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God: those who are called according to His purpose.
 - *John 16:33*, I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world.
 - In your concordance, look up LOVE. How many references are there to it?
- Do you agree/disagree with this statement?
 - Love is a choice, not a feeling
 - God takes the events in our lives and leads us to blessings in the long run
 - Faith in God brought JOY to each of them, not in the time they wanted, but in God’s own time
 - God is sovereign overall and nothing happens to us that He doesn’t know and care about
 - The things that we do/the choices we make affect others during the course of their lifetime
 - When we walk through the toughest things life brings, walk on, living out God’s purpose and making a difference in the lives around you
 - Life can change at any moment; haste makes waste
 - Had things not happened the way they did, I would not have become the person I am today
 - Tragedy can make you stronger or bitter. It’s your choice.
 - God can carry us through when tragedy happens and even use our lives as an example and an encouragement to others
 - We must always, always have faith in God's will, no matter what adversity we face in our lives.
- TAKE HOME
 - What is God’s plan for your life right now?
 - What stories have you heard lately from your great-grand-parents?
- ACTION
 - Sit down with a senior and ask them to share their stories. Listen carefully!