



Summer at the Movies

July 23 – August 20, 2017

Note to Leaders: To address possible copyright concerns, during Menlo Church's *Summer at the Movies* series, the messages will only be available live and will not be posted online.

Connect

1. If you have seen the movie before, what was your favorite scene?
2. What understanding did you discover through the message this week?

Engage

Summer at the Movies looks at how popular stories in our culture help us to better understand God's Big Story. Jesus is everywhere and that means every story gives us a chance to look at Jesus and life through fresh eyes.

1. How did this week's message connect the movie with the story of Jesus?
2. What scripture helps us to see that connection?

Apply

1. How will you respond to the insights that you gained from this message?
2. Identify someone in your life with whom you can easily talk about the latest movie you have seen but with whom you do not feel as comfortable speaking about matters of faith. What is one connection from the movie this week that you could use to introduce faith into a conversation with this person?
3. Have everyone in the group take turns role playing your responses to question #2 above and give each other feedback.

Pray

Pray for each person in your group to share the good news of Jesus this week in both word and action because of what you have learned.

Going Deeper

1. Host a movie night! Invite neighbors/friends/co-workers who are not normally part of your group and watch the movie together. Afterwards, share dessert and discuss the movie in light of gospel themes.
2. Consider this observation by Ryan Duncan, blogger at crosswalk.com: "*Among English majors, there's a popular theory which states there are no original stories. Every new book, every new movie released in theaters, is actually just a retelling of another, primary story. It sounds ridiculous, but this idea can take on whole new dimensions when partnered with a Christian worldview. Scripture tells us that all of creation testifies to God's glory. Isn't it possible our entertainment can do the same?*"
3. Learn more about the movie and find resources & discussion starters:
 - www.pluggedin.com/movie-reviews
 - <http://www.christianitytoday.com/biblestudies/category/culture/movie-discussion-guides/>

