



## Week 1

### DISCUSSION GUIDE

#### Overview

In the new series, *God At The Movies*, we will discover biblical truths found in movies. Today, we are going to look at our first movie, *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, And The Wardrobe*.

#### Discussion Questions

God's story begins with the Creation of mankind. He created human beings because He wanted a family with intimate relationships, and He wanted people to take dominion over everything the enemy brought to the earth. Mankind went their own way to write another storyline apart from God's intention.

- Why did Adam and Eve decide to go their own way and write their own story?
- Why do we sometimes choose our own ways instead of God's ways?

*The Chronicles of Narnia* illustrates this story. Narnia was supposed to be a love story of God's plan for a family—"the two sons of Adam and the two daughters of Eve." But the story gets interrupted when one of them—Edmund—is seduced by the devil and turns his back on God's story.

The enemy always tempts us away from God's plan for our lives through lies and deception. **2 Corinthians 11:14** says, "...**Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.**" He will try to convince us that what he has is better than what God has for us.

- How can we fight the devil's temptation and stay on track with God's plan for our lives?

**John 8:44** says, “...There is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” When we choose to believe the lies, we end up in bondage as a prisoner of the enemy. **John 10:10** says, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy...” Sin will take us further than we wanted to stray, keep us longer than we wanted to stay, and cost us more than we wanted to pay. When we fall into sin and step into the enemy’s story, the only way to step back into God’s story is through the blood of Jesus.

- What did Jesus’ blood—His sacrificial death—do for us? (Romans 5:9, Ephesians 1:7, 1 John 1:7, Revelation 1:5)

**Romans 6:23** says, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Jesus wants to come into our lives, pay for our sins, and live with Him forever. One scene in this movie shows Aslan, the lion, stepping in and negotiating for the life of Edmund. He was then tortured for something Edmund did. This scene is an example of what Jesus did for us.

- What did Jesus do for us on the cross? (1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Galatians 3:13-14, 1 Peter 2:24)

After dying for our sins on the cross, Jesus rose again. His resurrection was significant so that He could return us back to the original plan He had for us—to be in an intimate relationship with Him and conquer all of the forces of darkness on this earth, defeating the enemy once and for all. The cross paid for our mistakes, but the resurrection gives us the power to conquer sin and the devil.

- What is the significance of Jesus’ resurrection? What if there was no resurrection? (1 Corinthians 15:14-19)

## Life Challenge

Think about conflict and trials currently in your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you how to combat ungodly thoughts and overcome those obstacles.

## Prayer

*Thank You, Jesus, for continuing to love us when we want to walk away. Thank You for choosing to die for us and giving us the power to defeat the enemy through Your resurrection. Give us confidence and wisdom throughout our week as challenges come our way. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.*