

## Film and Spirituality Discussion Etiquette

Film & Spirituality meets on the fourth Tuesday, September through May.

The movie is viewed in Room 213 at 10:00 a.m.,  
with discussion following 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in Room 220.

You may watch the movie at home and join the discussion. Bring a drink and snack to enjoy.

This group is open to all, come as you can. No RSVP required.

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**EVER NOTICE HOW MOVIES CAN ENGAGE** your attention and captivate your imagination? When we go to the movies we step into another world, a world where we are entertained and also challenged, provoked and moved with emotion. Using the powerful medium of film, together with guided group discussion and personal reflection, we invite divine conversation as Holy Spirit speaks to us and through us. Film and Spirituality Discussion Group uses a shared movie with discussion questions to stimulate conversations about how we see God revealed in the movie, in the world around us and in our own lives.

**Discussion begins** with an opportunity for each person to introduce themselves and respond to a general question related to the movie. This engages everyone in the conversation, and very often establishes a level of transparency that signals the parameters of our discussion. The group establishes the depth of trust and their individual willingness to disclose personal story. Personal stories are protected by group confidentiality.

**Discussion is directed** through prepared questions, giving opportunity to whoever would like to respond. While there can be value in responses that are off topic or too long, the discussion leader will seek to make room for every person's wisdom, especially those who are less prone to jump in. No one evaluates, corrects, or judges individual responses. Everyone's opinion has a place. Very often another's point of view both challenges and enlarges our personal understanding. Listening can be more important than talking.

**Our mission is to awaken** to His movement in our lives and respond to His invitations. Befriending movies while being sensitive to shimmering glimpses into heaven's portal can be transformational. Sharing the process through intentional discussion brings fragile spiritual insights into experiential reality. Film and Spirituality discussion group can be a sacred place where new wisdom emerges and friendships are forged, something to protect and enjoy!

**Before we adjourn** at 1:30 p.m., we have a guided meditation and a space of silence to tune to His still small voice and bring into focus how He is revealing Himself to you through the movie and discussion. God reaches out to us when we are most unguarded, sometimes ambushing us through movies.