

A STORY WORTH LIVING

SHORT FILM DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
EPISODES 1-10

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EPISODE 1

LOOKING FOR A STORY

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 | In this short film, Dan Allender asks, "If your life was a story, would it be worth reading?" How would you respond to that question?

- 2 | If you're going to make sense of your life, it's going to happen through story. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

- 3 | You may not be drawn to motorcycles and that's fine. But what adventure do you pursue...and what is it about that adventure that makes you feel alive?

- 4 | Where do you feel completely over your head in life? How do you sense that chapter in your story will play out?

- 5 | Norman Maclean, author of *A River Runs Through It*, says, "Sometimes the best way to make sense of your life is to find a story that tells you about your story." What movie or book would you say mirrors your story?

- 6 | At the close of this film John Eldredge asks, "When others tell the story of your life, what kind of story do you want it to be?" How do you think those close to you would describe your current story? Is that what you want it to be?

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EPISODE 4

LARGER STORY

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 | Most people experience life as a movie they've arrived to 30 minutes late. Do you sometimes feel that way about your own life? Give an example of where this has happened recently.

- 2 | Which of your favorite movies best describes the theme of your story? How has that theme played out in your life?

- 3 | Many people live as if they are the heroes of their own story. If we, instead, believe God is the hero and we are smaller characters within the larger story, does that seem to enhance or diminish our role?

- 4 | Dan Allender states that we're all looking for redemption. Where does your life need restoration – and how would that change the trajectory of your story going forward?

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EPISODE 8

RISK VS. COURAGE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 | According to Dan Allender, "Shame is where we feel exposed." When do you most encounter shame...and what might that reveal about you?

- 2 | Where do you feel most capable in your world? Do you spend more time there than needed rather than stepping into situations that test or stretch you? Is that something you'd like to change? Why or why not?

- 3 | Most people find something they're good at and then hide there. It takes courage to come out of that hiding. Are you willing to risk exposure for greater breakthrough in an area you feel incompetent or unproven?

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EPISODE 9

FINDING YOUR MISSION

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 | John Eldredge says, "The whole point of understanding your story is so you can be intentional with where it is headed." Take a few minutes and tell the group the major theme of your life story. This isn't the time to go into massive details from the time you were born until the present – but rather, approach it like you would if you were describing the theme of a movie (... overcoming, adventure, etc.).

- 2 | Knowing and naming the theme of your life to this point does not mean it will remain the theme from here on. God makes all things new. What do you sense God has for the next chapter of your life?

- 3 | While all of our stories are opposed, the attacks are unique and tend to be aimed at our specific passions and talents. How has this been true in your life?

