



FINDING FAITH: Small Group Bible Study inspired by the movie "All In"

INTRODUCTION

In *All In*, Dave is a divorced, alcoholic father whose life is spiraling out of control under the crushing weight of a traumatic past. Bound by the agonizing memory of a fatal accident that claimed his younger sister, Dave seeks refuge in self-destruction, anger, and addiction. As his relationships crumble and his health fails, he is brought to a place of utter helplessness where all earthly remedies prove completely bankrupt. Yet, in the quiet desperation of his lowest valley, Dave encounters the sovereign call of God, realizing that true redemption requires him to abandon his self-reliance and go "all in" by surrendering his heart, past, and future to the Lord. The film serves as a powerful testament to how God's unmerited favor can break through the darkest guilt and restore a broken soul.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. THE BONDAGE OF SIN AND THE MYTH OF ESCAPISM

- Before his spiritual turning point, Dave relies on alcohol to numb the tormenting grief and guilt over his sister's death.
- How do Dave's attempts to numb his pain through addiction reveal the deceitfulness of worldly coping mechanisms?
- Read John 8:34-36 and Romans 6:16-18. How do these passages describe our spiritual slavery apart from Christ? What does it mean for Jesus to set a person truly free from the bondage of destructive habits and internal anguish?



2. GOD'S PROVIDENCE IN HUMAN SUFFERING

- Dave is haunted by the question of why tragic accidents happen and why God in His sovereignty allowed his sister to die.
- How does Dave's grief challenge us to wrestle with the reality of suffering without losing faith in God's goodness?
- Read Genesis 50:20 and Romans 8:28. How do these scriptures assure us that God can use even painful tragedies and human mistakes to accomplish His redemptive purposes? How does trusting in God's absolute sovereignty change the way we view our deepest losses?



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3. THE TRUE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP: GOING "ALL IN"



- The turning point of the movie centers on Dave realizing that holding onto his pride, self-pity, and control will only result in total ruin. Jesus demands full allegiance, calling His followers to surrender every area of life rather than giving Him partial devotion.

- What does the title 'All In' suggest about the nature of a saving faith versus a superficial or conditional belief?

- Read Luke 9:23-24 and Mark 8:34-37. What does it mean to "deny yourself" and take up your cross daily?

4. REDEEMED TO SERVE: FRUITFULNESS AFTER RESTORATION

- As God transforms Dave's heart, his salvation is evidenced not just by personal peace, but by a renewed desire to serve those around him as a father and friend.

- In what ways does Dave's transformed life demonstrate that genuine conversion produces tangible spiritual fruit in a person's home and community?

- Read Ephesians 2:10 and 1 Peter 2:9-10. According to Scripture, what is the purpose of our redemption? How should knowing that we were created for "good works" shape how we live after being rescued by grace?



REFLECTION & APPLICATION

How might you apply the themes of spiritual surrender, trusting God's providence, and active gospel fruitfulness in your own life? Share specific ways you can stop holding back areas of your heart from God and instead go "all in" in your walk of faith. Think of those around you struggling with addiction or affliction to whom you can extend gospel hope.



PRAYER

Praise God for the new life we have as a result of Jesus' death and resurrection. Pray for those struggling with hidden addiction, deep-seated grief, or hesitation to surrender fully to Christ, asking the Holy Spirit to grant them total freedom and unshakeable trust in God's promises. Close by lifting up your own needs, concerns, and praises to God.



CONCLUSION

Like Dave, none of us can repair our own brokenness or erase our past through human effort. True freedom and redemption are found only when we go "all in" by surrendering our pain, guilt, and lives to the overflowing grace of Jesus Christ won for us at the cross. So, walk in the assurance of God's forgiveness, knowing that no heart is too hard and no situation is too broken for His redeeming power.

