



Family Discussion Guide

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FEATURING

God's Not Dead 2

PERSECUTION



What are the motivating factors behind each of the people bringing the case against Grace? What do they hope to gain? In what ways is persecution in the film also personal, rather than simply legal?



Read Matthew 5:10-13 and 43-45; John 16:33; and 1 Peter 4:12-19



What motivates people to persecute Christians in the way that Jesus describes in Matthew 5? Why does our treatment of those who hate us matter to God? How does the victory of Jesus give us courage in the midst of persecution? How do Christians suffer for Jesus in the West? Go to www.persecution.com and read some reports. How can you help persecuted fellow believers?

SPIRITUAL WARFARE IN DISGUISE



How is it that this court case really represents a spiritual battle? Grace is not the only one struggling in the film. What kinds of difficulties assail other key characters? What kinds of spiritual battle strategies do you see employed in this film?



Read Ephesians 6:10-18 and 2 Corinthians 10:2-5



What does Paul mean when he describes the battle we face as not being “against flesh and blood”? Looking at each part of God's armor, how does each relate to our thought life, morality, or spiritual life? How are we to take thoughts captive to Christ?

EVIDENCE AND FAITH



Were you on the jury, why would you find some pieces of evidence or testimony more compelling than others? How does attorney Tom Endler separate the idea of “blind faith” from the idea of hard fact? What motivated the prosecuting attorney to strike the final statement of *Cold Case Christianity* author J. Warner Wallace?



Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-10 and 1 Corinthians 15:12-20



What kinds of evidence does Paul appeal to in this first passage? Why is it important that some of the 500 were still alive at the time of Paul's writing? What is at stake over the historicity of the resurrection? How would you describe the difference between “blind faith” and reasonable faith based on evidence?

WHO IS JESUS?



Fundamentally, the film focuses on the identity of Jesus. In what different ways would Martin Yip's father, Brooke's parents, or the prosecuting attorneys answer the question, “Who is Jesus?” Why is the answer to this question so divisive?



Read Matthew 16:13-17 and Matthew 10:32-36



What are some of the different ways you have heard people describe Jesus? If Jesus were merely another human teacher, how would believing that affect your attitude about following Him? If Jesus is who He claims to be, how would that affect the way we live, even in the midst of opposition?