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Movie Summary:

DO YOU BELIEVE? provides families with a powerful reminder that without action, believing is just a hollow word. The movie follows 12 people with seemingly little in common—other than significant real-world problems—whose lives intersect under a large, illuminated cross.

After Pastor Matt (played by Ted McGinley) has a late-night encounter with a street preacher (Delroy Lindo) he is inspired to distribute small wooden crosses to his congregation. He asks his parishioners to put their faith into action and to make sacrifices for the good of others.

In one sermon, he says that if the congregation answers “yes” to the question “Do you believe?” they have to do something. “Belief requires action,” he says. “Belief takes you to your knees, then brings you to your feet.”

Pastor Matt’s narration throughout the film provides meaningful content and his words seem to resonate with the film’s ensemble cast. Not surprisingly, the movie at times reminds us of attending Sunday services, but as PluggedIn.com comments:

“That’s because some of the most important scenes in DO YOU BELIEVE? Actually are sermons in a church. And the balance of the film works like an illustration for those sermons, offering images of what such a faith might look like when it’s wholly embraced and acted upon.”

Most of the characters in DO YOU BELIEVE? try to rise above their own obstacles and help others, which gives the film depth and substance.

Throughout DO YOU BELIEVE? we meet people from diverse backgrounds— from parents (Cybill Shepard and Lee Majors) grieving over the loss a daughter killed by a drunk driver and a homeless widow (Mira Sorvino) and her daughter Lily (Makenzie Moss) to gang members (Senyo Amoaku and rapper Schwayze)—looking for answers. Most of them find what they are looking for, thanks to the power of the cross and learning that faith and our belief in God has the power to transform the way we live on a daily basis.

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DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1. What does the cross mean to you?
2. As Christians, how can we put our faith into action to help those around us as well as our family?
3. When Pastor Matt says, "Belief takes you to your knees, then brings you to your feet," what does that mean to you?
4. What are some of the ways our beliefs shape the way we behave and the choices we make?
5. When was the last time you made a sacrifice? When was the last time someone made a sacrifice for you?
6. How can we practice forgiveness (and redemption)? What's stopping us from forgiving those who have harmed us in some way?
7. Why does our loving God allow people to suffer?

SCRIPTURES FOR DISCUSSION:

1 Corinthians 1:18 *on The Cross*

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

James 2:26 *on acting on your faith*

"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

Galatians 6:2 *on helping others*

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Romans 8:28 *on why God allows suffering*

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Hebrews 12:11 *on why God allows suffering*

"No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it."

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