

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

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IN THE

# BLINK

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One man's Revelation reveals he's been Left Behind.



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## PURE FLIX



## **About The Film**

In the Blink of an Eye, from Pure Flix Entertainment, is the dramatic story of one man's journey to truth. What was meant to be the perfect getaway suddenly becomes a horrific crossroad for Detective David Ramsey (David A.R. White). While aboard a private yacht on the shimmering Sea of Cortez, David's wife and friends suddenly disappear. During the investigation, David's police Captain (Eric Roberts) discovers a link between underworld crime, the boat captain and its owner. Just as David begins to unravel the mystery, he is shocked to wake up and find out it was just a nightmare, or was it? Caught in the recurring turmoil of knowing tragedy is inevitable, David realizes he is powerless to stop it. As each day repeats, David discovers evidence of a worldwide event known in Biblical prophecies as The Rapture. Now he must fight unseen forces to uncover the truth before time runs out.

## **ABOUT THE DISCUSSION GUIDE**

In the Blink of an Eye is an "edge-of-your-seat" thriller that shines the light on several key messages central to the Christian faith. As we get to know each character, we see that David is being led on a journey that ultimately brings him to a crisis of faith. Along the way, each character has a part in the unveiling of a core truth that David will have to find the faith to embrace. The power of prayer and witnessing are spotlighted in this film, as David's friends never give up on him...reminding us that we as Christians are called to pray for and be examples to our friends who are spiritually searching. As David's crisis of faith escalates, we see his utter desperation as he questions God and watch as God responds to his desperate plea. Finally, as David comes to the stark realization of where his future lies, he makes a true commitment to believe in the things that God has shown him and goes on to take this message to others. Through many twists and turns along the way, God never stops His relentless pursuit of David in calling him to His purpose. We suggest that you watch the film in its entirety, and then follow with the discussion and Bible readings. Related scriptures are provided for a more in depth study of the themes. Also included are questions based on key concepts from the film. Use these questions to further enhance your discussions. As we follow the story of David's ultimate realization of God's plan for His people, we'll learn about faith, prayer and persistence.

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## LESSON 1 “THE PLAN”

Detective David Ramsey and his partner Larry are called to the scene of a potential crime. Conversation ensues, before they are thrown into duty, about God. From what we can gather, Larry is a believer and from the nature of the conversation, is not shy about bringing up his beliefs. It is apparent that David is not comfortable with these conversations. When they are forced to face a gunman who has a woman held hostage, the detectives prevail, but David is shot. A well-placed cell phone saves him from injury by blocking the entry of the bullet and he is unharmed, except for some bruising. Larry gives the credit to God and tries to show David that it might be a miracle, continuing to share his faith with each new circumstance that presents the opportunity to point back to God’s presence.

### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

*JAMES 5:16 (NIV)*

*“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”*

### Discussion Points:

- Have you ever had a close call with being hurt or even a near death experience?
- When you looked at how the situation was avoided, could you attribute the outcome to a higher purpose?
- Do you believe that miracles happen today? What’s something that you’ve seen that you would liken to a miracle?
- Like Larry prays for David, has there been a person in your life that “looked” out for you and/or prayed for you during a difficult period in your life spiritually? Did you see events unfold that you felt could be directly attributed to those prayers?

Lindsey, the pop singer who was rescued from the gunman, is grateful for the detectives’ help in saving her life. We begin to see the groundwork of a higher plan unfold as the two men decide to join Lindsey and her boyfriend on a vacation to the Sea of Cortez that has been offered to them as a gesture of their gratitude. When the detectives and their wives arrive to the ship, we begin to get a glimpse as to what makes these people tick and what circumstances have brought them to their current state of existence. Lindsey has been shaken up by the recent events and has questions about life and the meaning of it all. David and his wife Lori are suffering from the strain of a relationship that has been neglected because of David’s near obsession with his job. Larry and Suzette seem to be placed squarely in the middle of these people’s disquieted lives and begin sharing openly about what gives

them purpose and joy. Lori, David's wife, has seemingly come to a place of receptivity and willingness to change, and she listens wholeheartedly to the message Suzette shares with her about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Larry tries to talk to David, but David's heart still won't be moved. As Larry expresses that he will never give up on letting David know about a higher purpose for his life, Lori takes Suzette's guidance and gives her life to Christ during prayer with her. Suzette encourages Lori to begin to pray for David, and to have faith that he can also find what she has just found.

### **Discussion Points:**

- Read Mark 11:22-25. How are Larry and Suzette committed to the teachings of this verse in daily practice?
  - Think about a time in your life when you relentlessly prayed for something. How did the situation turn out? Did you get exactly what you prayed for? If not, did God answer you in a way that showed He still had a plan for you, despite the direction of your prayers?
  - The plans David has in his heart are not congruent with the way the Lord is directing him. Read Proverbs 16:9. Can you think of a time where your plans were different than where God was leading you? How long did it take for your heart to come around to God's plans?
  - When you look back from where you came from to where you are now, what signs can you point out along the way that indicate God's plan for your life coming to fruition?
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## **LESSON 2**

### **"THE PURSUIT"**

Larry notices that David is always unhappy and has no peace in his life. Larry shares with David that he has a feeling that God is "pursuing" David and that there have been signs all along the way, from David narrowly avoiding serious injury during a shooting, to the tattoo on his arm that Larry insists is a cross (but David argues is a "dagger"). David continues to resist and becomes more and more involved with what's going on with the investigation on the boat. He continues to be unreachable, even as he and his wife travel by Jet Ski to a local island to spend some quality time together. Lori wants to share her newfound commitment to God, but David is distant and distracted. As he drifts off to sleep he awakens to find his wife gone and sets off to find her. This begins a bizarre set of events that push the course of David's life in a new direction. He returns to the boat only to find that Larry and Suzette are missing as well. Panicking, he thinks of everything he can do in his own strength to figure out what is happening. Exhausted, and with no answers, he returns to the island where his wife disappeared...falls asleep and then wakes up on the boat, just as he did the previous morning. His wife has reappeared as if nothing has happened and the same sequence of the day's events repeats itself once more.

## SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

*JOHN 15:16 (NIV)*

*"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name."*

### Discussion Points:

- Larry's observation that God is pursuing David is one that David cannot grasp. What are some ways that God has pursued you?
- John 15:16 tells us that "He has chosen us and ordained us". How does this make you feel to know that you are chosen by God?
- Like David, we may try to find answers to difficult situations by looking at what we see in front of us. Read Proverbs 3:5-6. How does this verse show us that trying to work it out in our own strength is not productive? What is the better course of action?

David still is baffled by the events swirling about him. As the intrigue of the case gets more intense and he finds out that his hosts have questionable criminal histories, he becomes more confused and more desperate as the same circumstances repeat themselves once again. This time when his wife disappears, he becomes hostile to the remaining characters on the boat, who then overcome him, knock him unconscious and throw him in the water. Again, David wakes up and the day starts over just as it did before. David is getting new information each time this happens and tries to affect the outcome of the day each time—again, not seeking spiritual answers, but only intellectual answers. Slowly, he starts to acknowledge that God has a plan for him and is allowing him these "chances" to begin again, but he doesn't know what the plan is yet. David and Suzette continue to present him the truth, but David's heart is not ready to accept it. The day ends, yet again, with a violent struggle where David is shot. Once again he wakes with more resolve than ever to try to "believe" what God is telling him.

### Discussion Points:

- As David gets closer to the truth, we see him become more agitated, more desperate to find what he needs. Have you ever been brought to a point of desperation that enabled you to humble yourself and seek God's hand? What happened for your life after this moment?
- Every time David wakes up, he receives a new chance to accept the truth and respond to God's pursuit of his life. Can you think of a time in your life where you were given extra chances to begin again? What resulted of those opportunities to change and renew your life.

## LESSON 3

### “THE PURPOSE”

Each time David wakes up from the “dreams” he’s having, he has more of a desire to find out what God is trying to tell him. With this cycle, he makes a point to ask his wife for a Bible. He speaks with Larry about the chain of events that have led him to this point and Larry advises him that “it’s time to get right”. David still thinks he can figure it out, and although he’s closer than ever, he is still reluctant to “pray” as he now thinks that he “understands” the sequence of events. He finds himself on the island again with his wife who disappears before him in a flash. He is dismayed and angry. What does God want from him? He has decided to “believe”—but why is he still left behind?

#### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCES

*JAMES 14:1-3 (NIV)*

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”*

#### Discussion Points:

- David has expressed that he “gets” what God is trying to tell him and “believes” that He exists. Read James 2:18-19. What do these verses tell you about just “believing” in God? What more is required of us to enter into His fold?
- As David sees his friends and wife disappear each day, he realizes that something of great spiritual significance is happening. Read John 14:1-3. What promise has God made to us about our future with Him?

David is granted yet another chance to see the light. At this point he is broken and contrite and for the first time is humbled and ready to receive the real truth God has for Him. Larry acknowledges that David has come into the belief of God, but that even the “demons believe”, and that the difference comes when David is ready to give up himself and enter into a personal relationship with Christ. David’s whole countenance changes after he prays the prayer to receive Christ and before the day’s events culminate to the same point they have with each cycle, he shares his newfound experience with Lindsey, who has been in a similar mode of seeking. With this newly changed heart, David is finally able to seek restitution and communion with his wife and they acknowledge how God has led them to this moment. With a flash of light, the plan, pursuit and purpose of David’s life is fulfilled as he is caught up in the air with his wife, carried to heaven to be with God.

