



FINDING FAITH: Small Group Bible Study inspired by the movie "Face The Beat"

INTRODUCTION

Face the Beat is a faith-based drama centered on Zack, a young, talented Christian DJ struggling to break into the competitive music industry. Despite his talent, Zack faces rejection and the pressure of familial conflict, as his mother enlists his retired musician father (who made "regrettable life choices") to persuade Zack to abandon his dream. The film explores the profound personal and spiritual challenges of pursuing professional ambitions while remaining true to one's faith, navigating themes of perseverance, integrity, and following one's calling.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. HARMONIZING AMBITION AND SPIRITUAL IDENTITY

Zack is committed to making it big in the music world but faces a cutthroat industry that may demand compromises. How does the film set up the tension between pursuing a mainstream dream and maintaining integrity and a distinct Christian spiritual identity?

Read Romans 12:2. This verse warns us not to conform to the pattern of this world. How can Zack, as a Christian DJ, strive for professional success without sacrificing his faith or making "regrettable life choices" that are often associated with the industry?



2. FOLLOWING A CALLING VS. PARENTAL EXPECTATIONS

- Zack's mother, concerned about the precarious nature of the music business, asks his father to intervene. What does the film suggest about the difficulty of honoring one's parents while pursuing a dream that they do not support?

- Read Acts 5:29. Peter states that we must obey God rather than human authorities. How can Zack respectfully navigate this conflict, demonstrating love for his parents while remaining obedient to the sense of calling or passion he believes God has given him?



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3. PERSEVERANCE IN THE FACE OF REJECTION



- Despite his talent, Zack "can't seem to land gigs" or gain recognition/ What is the spiritual significance of continuing to work hard at one's craft when there is no immediate success or recognition?
- Read Galatians 6:9. Paul encourages us not to become weary in doing good, "for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." How does this promise relate to Zack's countless hours pouring into his craft, and how can he maintain faith during the struggle?

4. LEARNING FROM PAST REGRETS

- Zack's father, a retired musician who made "regrettable life choices," is brought in to dissuade his son. How can Zack learn from his father's failures, and how might this situation lead to redemption and healing within their family?
- Read Philippians 3:13-14. Paul writes about forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. How can the father's "regrettable life choices" be transformed into a source of wisdom that helps Zack pursue his dream with greater integrity, rather than becoming a reason to quit?



REFLECTION & APPLICATION

Reflect on a time when you had to persevere in a pursuit despite frequent rejection. What compromises have you been tempted to make (or have you refused to make) in your career or goals to gain success or approval?

How can you find wise counsel from those who have "regrettable life choices" in their past?



PRAYER

Close the Bible study with a time of prayer, for all creative professionals striving to maintain their faith in competitive industries.

Pray for the wisdom to discern between following one's calling and fulfilling familial obligations, and for the courage to pursue dreams with unwavering integrity.



CONCLUSION

Face the Beat encourages us to see our professional ambitions as opportunities to glorify God. The film calls us to persevere with integrity, trusting that a passion aligned with God's will can be pursued successfully, even if it means facing down the beat of both industry pressure and family concern.

