



FINDING FAITH: Small Group Bible Study inspired by the movie "Summer Snow"

INTRODUCTION

Hallie Benson may be small, but her heart is anything but. From baking cookies for a grumpy neighbor to selling toothbrushes to support a friend in need, Hallie is constantly dreaming up creative ways to help others. While her good intentions often leave a trail of chaos behind, her compassion is impossible to miss.

Her father, Dan Benson, is doing his best to hold the family together after the heartbreaking loss of his wife. Overwhelmed and grieving, Dan struggles with the everyday tasks she once handled so effortlessly—cooking meals, doing hair, and guiding their three children with the steady faith that defined her life. As Hallie continues to shine her quiet light, her family begins to discover that even the smallest heart can spark hope in the darkest seasons.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF

- Dan Benson is doing his best to hold his family together after the loss of his wife, struggling with everyday tasks while overwhelmed by grief. What does the film suggest about the limits of human self-sufficiency when enduring a dark season?
- Read Psalm 34:18. How does knowing that God is completely sovereign over our suffering—yet intimately close to the brokenhearted—provide deep and stable comfort? In what ways can the local church community practically embody this nearness to families enduring loss?



2. SHINING LIGHT THROUGH IMPERFECT SERVICE

- Hallie's creative attempts to help others frequently leave a trail of chaos, yet her genuine compassion is impossible to miss. How does Hallie's messy but eager desire to serve challenge our often paralyzed or overly cautious approach to loving others in this way?
- Read Matthew 5:16. How does Hallie's "quiet light" glorify her Heavenly Father despite the chaotic outcomes of her actions? How does a true understanding of grace free believers to pursue good works with joy, knowing our standing before God is secure in Christ even when our execution is flawed?



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3. LEADING WITH FAITH IN HUMAN WEAKNESS



- Dan faces the immense responsibility of guiding his three children with the steady faith that once defined his late wife's life, all while feeling completely overwhelmed. What unique spiritual pressures do Christian parents and leaders face when trying to lead a household or ministry in the midst of personal exhaustion and grief?
- Read 2 Corinthians 12:9. Why is it vital for a believer to acknowledge their total dependence on God rather than relying on personal grit or worldly strategies? What comfort can be taken from this?

4. HOPE IN DARK SEASONS

- The Benson family discover that even the smallest heart can spark hope in the darkest seasons. How does the movie demonstrate that a sovereign God often uses unexpected instruments to bring about profound spiritual renewal?
- Read Romans 15:13. What is the difference between wishful optimism and the deep, abiding hope given by the Holy Spirit? How can believers actively anchor themselves in the "God of hope" regardless of the challenges they face?



REFLECTION & APPLICATION

Reflect upon the truth that God's grace remains sufficient even in the darkest moments. In your own life, when have you suffered? How might God have worked through these experiences? How do your daily choices and priorities reflect a reliance on God's strength over your own?



PRAYER

Close the Bible study with a time of prayer, lamenting over suffering but praising God for His grace.

Pray for the comfort of the Holy Spirit for those who are brokenhearted. Pray for the strength and humility to endure trials leaning not on ourselves, but on the "God of Hope".



CONCLUSION

The journey of the Benson family reminds us that our lives are not a series of random, chaotic events, but a providential path orchestrated by a loving God. Even when grief makes simple daily tasks feel insurmountable, His grace remains entirely sufficient, frequently breaking through our darkness using the simplest expressions of faith.