



FINDING FAITH: Small Group Bible Study inspired the movie by "Best Supporting Actors"

INTRODUCTION

Tyler Tate, a former actor, finds himself battling alcoholism while living out of an Ohio motel, his once-promising career reduced to ruins. When he begins teaching acting to a group of troubled teens, something starts to shift. Through the discipline of mentoring these young people, he slowly rediscovers a sense of purpose he thought was gone for good, and along the way, uncovers a faith in God's greater plan for his life. Tyler's journey is a powerful picture of how God can meet us in the lowest, most broken moments, and use even our own past failures to become instruments of healing and purpose in someone else's story.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. ADDICTION, LOSS, AND ROCK BOTTOM

- Tyler's life has been unraveled by alcoholism and grief, leaving him isolated in a motel room rather than on a stage. How does his story reflect the truth that God doesn't wait for us to clean ourselves up before drawing near to us?
- Read Luke 15:20 and Psalm 40:1-3. How do these passages depict a God who runs toward the broken and lifts them out of "the mud and mire"? Where in your own life have you experienced God meeting you at your lowest point rather than waiting for you to have it together?



2. MUTUAL MENTORSHIP

- As Tyler begins pouring into troubled teens through teaching them acting, he discovers that investing in young people helps him to rediscover his own purpose. What does this reveal about the mutual nature of mentorship, where the mentor is often changed as much as those they're mentoring?
- Read Proverbs 27:17 and Titus 2:6-7. How do these passages describe the sharpening and formative power of investing in someone younger or less experienced? Who has God placed in your life, whether older or younger, for this kind of mutual sharpening?



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3. REDEEMING THE PAST



- Rather than discarding his years as an actor as wasted or shameful, Tyler's past experience helps him to better teach the teenagers. How does this challenge the idea that our failures or difficult seasons disqualify us from being useful to God?

- Read Joel 2:25 and 1 Timothy 1:15-16. How do these passages speak to God's ability to restore what feels wasted, and to use even our past as a testimony of His mercy toward others? Is there a part of your own story you've assumed was too broken or wasted for God to use?

4. A LEGACY OF KINDNESS

- Tyler doesn't experience an instant transformation but discovers God's greater plan gradually. What does his slow journey teach us about how God's purposes are often revealed through ordinary faithfulness rather than sudden revelation?

- Read Zechariah 4:10 and Psalm 37:23-24. How do these passages honor small steps and humble beginnings? Where might God be asking you to remain faithful in small things while His larger plan for you unfolds?



REFLECTION & APPLICATION

Is there a season of addiction, loss, or failure in your own life that you've assumed disqualifies you from being useful to God?

Who is someone that God might be calling you to mentor or invest in? Consider one small step you can take this week, to start that process.



PRAYER

Close the Bible study with a time of prayer, lifting up those in the group wrestling with addiction, grief, or a sense of wasted years.

Pray for the courage to let God use even broken or painful seasons of the past for someone else's good. Pray also for opportunities to mentor or invest in younger believers, and for the patience to remain faithful in small things while trusting God with the bigger picture.



CONCLUSION

Like Tyler, nothing can disqualify us from God's purposes. He meets us in our lowest moments, redeems even our most painful chapters for good, and reveals His plan through the daily faithfulness of ordinary steps. Encourage each other to bring their own brokenness honestly before God and to invest generously in those He places in their path.