1. Has your faith ever been challenged as directly as Josh’s? What would you have done on the first day of philosophy class? Why?

2. What character do you identify with most? Why? What are some of the challenges faced by other people in the movie?

3. When Josh is trying to decide what to do, Pastor Dave gives him two Bible passages to read: Matthew 10:32-33 and Matthew 12:48. How do these verses apply to your life?

4. How did Josh’s girlfriend try to influence him? Did she care more about him or about herself? In what ways did she show her true priorities? What would a healthy relationship have looked like? How did you handle it?

5. When Josh is trying to figure out what to do about Professor Radisson’s challenge, he quotes C.S. Lewis: “Only a real risk tests the quality of belief.” Is that always true? Why or why not?

6. Professor Radisson says, “Science and reason have supplanted faith.” Josh says, “You don’t have to commit intellectual suicide to believe in a Creator behind creation.” Who do you agree with? Why or why not? What examples from science and reason does Josh point out to make his case for the existence of God?

7. Pastor Dave is frustrated because he doesn’t feel like he is doing anything important ministry, but Rev. Jude says, “God has you exactly where He wants you. It’s all part of a grand design.” Read Luke 16:10. How does God use the pastor? What difference does Dave make in others’ lives?

8. Josh says, “Evil is the most potent weapon against Christianity.” Professor Radisson says he hates God because God allowed his mother to suffer and die. Why do evil and suffering exist in the world? Read Romans 5:12, Romans 8:28 and Romans 8:38-39.

9. How does Josh’s willingness to take a stand affect other people? Who else takes a stand for Jesus? What are the results of their choices on other people? Read Hebrews 12:1 and Isaiah 55:10-11.


Before leaving, pray together: God, thank you that your truth endures and has the power to change us in real ways. Fill us with your strength, courage and love, and use us in the ways you want. Thank you for life in your Son, Jesus. Amen.