



## Life Group Study Notes

### "At the Movies: Star Wars - Rogue One"

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#### Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer, or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- Are you a Star Wars fan? What do you like or dislike about these movies?
- When you were young, how clear of an idea did you have about what you wanted to do with your life?
- What influenced your decision to follow the career path you are currently on?

#### Word (10-15 minutes)

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Acts 13:36-39 ESV *"For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses."*

- Just as the shepherd boy, David, gave his life to serve the purpose of God in his generation, we too are called to serve God's purpose in our lifetime. We must come to understand what God wants to accomplish through us and then give ourselves wholly to his purpose for each us.
- This can only happen if we have a relationship with God that is personal and that continues to grow. We cannot, however, enter into a relationship with God unless our sin is dealt with. Everyone of us have disobeyed God and are alienated from him due to our sinful condition.
- Jesus took our sins upon himself on the cross after coming into this world and living a perfect sinless life in obedience to God the Father. He was put to death for our sins and then rose again that we might enter into his resurrection life.

2 Timothy 1:9-10 ESV *[God] saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel...*

- God has called us into relationship with himself, having provided for our reconciliation with him through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. God commands us to respond to him by turning to Jesus as the Lord of our lives and by trusting his love and sacrifice for us. We can't earn God's forgiveness through doing good works. Trusting in Jesus alone is what is acceptable to God.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 ESV *For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."*

- God's calling on our lives is not based on anything from our past, good or bad. God simply loves us and reaches out to us. Through Jesus he has provided not only for our reconciliation, but also for our spiritual growth and the restoration of his image in our lives. Even our future resurrection from the dead has been procured through Jesus when he rose from the dead.

1 Peter 2:9-10 ESV *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

- God has bestowed great honor and dignity upon us through Jesus Christ. He values us highly and has called us to be his very own special people. We have a calling and destiny that is great in this life and even greater in the next life.
- In this life God has called us to engage in his great mission to bring others into relationship with himself through Jesus Christ and to help them faithfully follow him. We are called to bring our growing knowledge and worship of God into every facet of our lives. Everything we do is to be done for the glory of God and the good of other people.

### **Discussion (10-15 minutes)**

**Choose one of the points below, and discuss how the lesson applies to our lives.**

- David was never in "full-time ministry." He served his generation by being a great king. How can you serve your generation by what you do?
- What are some things God has called all of his people to be and to do? What do you believe God has called you personally to do?
- How should the Gospel affect the way you fulfill your vocation?

### **Prayer (10-15 minutes)**

**Pray for any of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.**

- Thank God for calling you (us) to himself according to his great purposes.
- Ask God for a greater understanding of what he has called you personally to do with your life.
- Ask God to use you to help others discover their calling from God.