

# AT THE MOVIES

## CHRISTMAS EDITION

### INTO THE BIBLE

*"What reward do you deserve if you only love the loveable? Don't even the tax collectors do that? How are you any different from others if you limit your kindness only to your friends? Don't even the ungodly do that?"*

**Matthew 5:46-47 TPT**

*"For when you demonstrate the same love I have for you by loving one another, everyone will know that you're my true followers."*

**John 13:35 TPT**

*"Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing."*

**1 Peter 3:9 NLT**

*"But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven..."*

**Matthew 5:44-45 NLT**

*"...don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will learn the truth. Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants"*

**2 Timothy 2:23-26 NLT**

## **SERMON TAKEAWAYS**

We Have A Choice In Responding To Difficult People

- 1. I Can Choose To Curse It**
- 2. I Can Choose To Nurse It**
- 3. I Can Choose To Reverse It**

How To Deal With Difficult People

- 1. Realize You Can't Please Everyone**
- 2. Refuse To Play The Game**
- 3. Rise Above It**
- 4. Never Retaliate**
- 5. Release Them**
- 6. Live Redemptively**

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Would you consider yourself a people pleaser? If so, how does that affect your life?*
- 2. What are some practical ways that you can choose not to play "the game" of a difficult person?*
- 3. Have you ever had to release someone to the Lord? If so, what were the circumstances and have you seen any fruit from that decision?*
- 4. We live in a society where it is very easy to retaliate. Read 1 Peter 3:9 again. How does that shift your perspective when you respond to difficult people?*
- 5. Cindy Lou Who went to the Grinch, she pursued him. Jesus, did the same for you. He didn't wait on you to clean up or straighten up. He simply chased after you. What would you say to Jesus, knowing he pursued you through the mess, through the difficulties?*

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

This week, thank God for pursuing you and loving you. Be intentional with the difficult people in your life and ask God to help you become patient and to treat them with kindness. Pray that God would soften your heart and theirs.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***AT THE MOVIES: Christmas Edition*** - Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year so get ready for “At The Movies: Christmas Edition!!” We kicked this series off with, “How The Grinch Stole Christmas.” Next week, we will visit Kevin in “Home Alone.” This is a great opportunity to invite your family and friends.

*November 24th - Home Alone*

*December 1st - Elf*

*December 8th - National Lampoons Christmas Vacation*

*December 15th - Polar Express*

***Christmas At Rescue House*** - Make plans now to celebrate Christmas with us! We hope to see you and your family there!

*December 22nd - 9:30am Mocksville Campus*

*- 11:00am Winston Salem Campus*

*December 24th - 5:00pm Mocksville Campus*