

## Morning Star Las Cruces 2025 Discussion Questions

July 13, 2025 Series: Summer at the Movies: Harry Potter And the Good News Title: Weathering the Storm (*Deathly Hallows Pt. 1*) Text: 2 Timothy 4:9-18

1. If you had to camp in the wilderness for a week, what three items (practical or meaningful) would you bring with you.? Why?

2. Think of a time when you felt isolated, abandoned, or misunderstood in a season of struggle. What got you through it? Or what do you wish you'd had at the time to help?

3. What stood out to you from this week's worship service, "Harry Potter and the Good News: Weathering the Storm?" What part of the message felt especially relevant to your own life?

4. Read 2 Timothy 4:9–18. The writer names betrayals, loneliness, and hardships. They also say, "The Lord stood by me." What do you notice about how the writer weathers their own storm? What's comforting or challenging about that?

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5. The writer asks Timothy to "come quickly" and mentions wanting their cloak and books. What do these personal details reveal about the author? How does such humanity speak to your own need for connection, comfort, or encouragement in hard times?

6. The letter author also mentions people who deserted them and others who stood by them. Who are the people who've stood by you in seasons of difficulty? How have you seen God work through their presence?

7. Read Psalm 46:1–3. How do you respond to the idea that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble"? What does that promise mean when the "earth gives way" in your life?

8. Read Matthew 7:24–27. Jesus talks about building on a firm foundation before the storm comes. What are the habits or practices that help you build spiritual resilience ahead of time?

9. What "storm" are you weathering right now, personally, relationally, or in the wider world? How is God showing up for you, or how do you *hope* God will? What kind of support would help?

10. How can your group pray for you as you seek to remain faithful, even when it's hard?

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