



DRAMA DISCUSSION GUIDE

The GameDay tour will be featuring two distinct dramatic presentations, one on Friday entitled “The Advocate” and a second on Saturday night entitled “Trapped.”

The Friday night drama broaches the subjects of good deeds, salvation, forgiveness and the urgency of sharing the message of the gospel. This Drama Discussion Guide is designed to facilitate dialogue on Friday night within your group regarding their thoughts and feelings surrounding this powerful drama. The goal of this resource is to provide an opportunity for you to drill down and allow the drama to have maximum impact on your students.

The Saturday night drama is loosely based on the short fiction book *Firestarter*. We encourage you to [get copies of the book](#) for yourself and your students, if you don’t already have them. While this is not essential for the drama to have a powerful impact on you and your students, we believe that reading the book in preparation for the conference will maximize your group’s discussion on the way home from the GameDay event.

“The Advocate”

Drama Discussion Guide

After the Friday night event, gather your group together and spend time talking about the drama. As time allows, choose a few of the following opening questions to discuss:

- How did the drama impact you?
- What are some of your thoughts and feelings surrounding the drama?
- Did the ending surprise you? Why or why not?
- What do you think was the main message of the drama?
- How do you picture Judgment Day?
- Is it possible to say a “salvation prayer” and not be saved? Why or why not?

Allow some time for discussion, then say something like:

The idea behind “The Advocate” was to get us thinking about a day in the future that we all must face called Judgment Day.

Actually the Bible describes two different types of Judgment Day, one for unbelievers and one for believers. Close your eyes and listen closely as I read some of what the Bible says about the judgment for unbelievers:

And I saw a great white throne, and I saw the one who was sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to the things written in the books, according to what they had done. The sea gave up the dead in it, and death and the grave gave up the dead in them. They were all judged according to their deeds. And death and the grave were thrown into the lake

of fire. This is the second death--the lake of fire. And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:11-15)

Understand that this is not some fantasy or dream conjured up by a sci-fi writer. This is more like a reporter or journalist describing an event that's happening. All these people made a choice about whether to trust Jesus or not. The "book" of their lives have page after page where Jesus was shut out of their lives because of their rebellion, stubbornness, pride or expectation that they could be "good enough" by themselves to earn their way into the presence of a holy and perfect God.

Ask the students:

- **Why do people reject God's free offer of salvation?**
- **Does not believing in Judgment Day mean you won't have to be there? Why or why not?**
- **Do you think there will be people who are surprised that they ended up at this judgment? Why or why not?**

Allow some time for discussion, then say something like:

The other "Judgment Day" for believers is described this way in the Bible:

For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. (Romans 14:10)

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. (2 Corinthians 5:10)

Understand that this is not some churchy type story made up by a Sunday School teacher. This is more like a reporter or journalist describing a scene at a graduation...and the graduating class is all the people who made a choice to trust in Jesus as their only hope of salvation, which is why they are receiving their final rewards before being welcomed into heaven.

Ask the students:

- **What do you think some of the rewards in heaven might be?**
- **Why is it a good thing to keep this upcoming event in mind?**
- **Why did God put a plan in place for Judgment Days in the first place?**

After the students have had a chance to respond, say something like:

Although "The Advocate" was an imaginary interpretation of Judgment Day, the reality of that day is not imaginary. Maybe tonight after the drama, you trusted in Christ for the first time. Or maybe you're still thinking about it. Right now I want to give you another opportunity to make that decision so that you can know with confidence that you'll be part of Judgment Day planned for followers of Jesus, and also so that you begin right now the new adventure of living life with Jesus.

There might be some of you who are just like Jordan, a person who raised your hand, walked an aisle or even prayed a prayer, but deep down you didn't mean it. There might be others who have trusted

Christ, but you know that if judgment came tonight, you would have very little reward coming. Either way, now's the time to do business with God.

Close by providing a clear presentation of the gospel. Say something like this:

According to the Bible, from the very beginning God has been longing to draw humans into a close, personal, trusting relationship with Him. But the first people chose to reject God's plan – we call that sin – and they disconnected from God. And we do that too – we do wrong things and sin and disconnect from God. And the result of our sin is the ultimate death – to be apart from God. Forever.

But God loves us with such a deep love that He designed a plan to bring us back into relationship with Him. God's perfect and holy nature demands a penalty be paid for our sins. So God's loving plan to draw us back into His presence was to send His own perfect, sinless Son to die so that we don't have to. If we put our faith and *trust* in Him, we can receive the free gift of eternal life. He will take away the penalty of our sin and come into our lives and walk with us forever, now, here on this earth, and also in heaven for all eternity.

Provide an opportunity for students to commit or recommit their lives to a personal relationship with Jesus and commit to sharing his message with others. Encourage students with questions to talk with you after the meetin



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