

# At the Movies!

## At the Movies – Week 1: We Bought a Zoo

*There's more happening in these stories than meets the eye. At The Movies is a chance to discover how popular movies point to something greater—and how your story is part of it.*

**Conversation Starter:** *Have some fun as you break the ice.*

- What is your favorite zoo animal and why?

**Key Scriptures:** *Let God's word frame the conversation. Take a minute to read this selected passage together as a Group.*

- Job 5:11, Matthew 9:11-13,

**Discussion Questions:** Pick a few questions below to guide your time.

**Start Sharing:** *Choose a question or two to create openness.*

- What are some ways you find yourself “protecting or pretending”?
- Can you name a time in your life where you've experienced mourning leading to healing?

**Start Thinking:** *Choose a question or two to think critically about the subject.*

- Why do you think Jesus told us that “Healthy people don't need a doctor – sick people do.”? How does that apply to our spiritual and emotional lives today?
- What do you think Jesus would like us to do with the hurts we've been handed in life?

**Make it Personal:** *Choose a question or two to help you identify your best next step.*

- Is there something in your life that you might need to acknowledge in order to begin healing?
- Is there something in your life now that you find yourself protecting or pretending in order to avoid?

**Next Steps:** Everybody has a next step. Check out some ideas below to help you grow by doing.

- Ask God, and/or someone you trust to reveal to you places in your life that may need healing. Talk about them this week, ask for prayer and accountability to begin the healing process.
- Consider speaking to a counselor if you find yourself protecting and pretending. LCBC has a list of vetted counselors in the area we would love to share with you!

**Prayer:** *Invite God to do what only He can do.*

- God, thank you so much that you came to heal us and comfort us. That you already know our struggles, and want to provide a way towards healing. Help us acknowledge our need for help and invite you into that process...