

FROM THE KENDRICK BROTHERS • CREATORS OF WAR ROOM, OVERCOMER AND COURAGEOUS



CAMERON
ARNETT

PRISCILLA
SHIRER

KAREN
ABERCROMBIE

AND INTRODUCING
ASPEN
KENNEDY

THE FORGE

WHOEVER WANTS THE NEXT GENERATION THE MOST WILL GET THEM



AFFIRM FILMS AND FAITHSTEP FILMS PRESENT
ASSOCIATE PRODUCER SHARI RIGBY PRODUCED BY LARRY FRENZEL KEVIN BOUREN EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS SHANNON KENDRICK JIM McBRIDE
"THE FORGE" CASTING BY BEVERLY HOLLOWAY COSTUME DESIGNER ANNA REDMON MUSIC BY ZACK LEFFEW PRODUCTION DESIGNER MARCELA SHAW EDITOR ALEX KENDRICK BILL EBEL DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY BOB M. SCOTT
THEFORGEMOVIE.COM @FORGEMOVIE
PG THEMATIC ELEMENTS
KENDRICK BROTHERS PROVIDENT FILMS
EXCLUSIVELY IN THEATERS AUGUST 23
DOLBY AUDIO SONY AFFIRM FILMS
A Sony Company

FOR INFORMATION ON ADVANCE BUYOUTS AND GROUP SALES, MAKE REQUESTS AT WWW.SONYPICTURESGROUPSALES.COM.
QUESTIONS? EMAIL: GROUPSALES@SONYPICTURES.COM PHONE: 877-488-4258

PLEASE ENJOY THIS FREE DISCUSSION GUIDE

This is a sample from the official **5-WEEK THE FORGE BIBLE STUDY** from Lifeway Press

For more Discussion Guide Questions and Resources visit
THEFORGEMOVIE.COM

ABOUT THE MOVIE

Isaiah Wright has some growing up to do. A year out of high school with no plans for his future, Isaiah is challenged by his single mom and a successful businessman to start charting a better course for his life. Through the prayers of his mother and a prayer warrior named Miss Clara, as well as biblical discipleship from his new mentor, Isaiah begins to discover God’s purpose for his life is so much more than he could hope for or imagine. From the Kendrick Brothers, the creators of the No. 1 hit **WAR ROOM**, comes **THE FORGE**, a faith-filled new movie with familiar friends and inspiring new twists.

DISCUSS

TALK about this week’s scene from The Forge for a few minutes.

- *Briefly describe Isaiah and his approach to life.*
- *What differences do you notice between Isaiah and Mr. Moore?*
- *Why might Mr. Moore, a successful and busy corporate leader, spend his time on a young man like Isaiah, whom he'd never met?*

ENGAGE

READ Matthew 9:9-13.

Matthew and Jesus were an unlikely pair. Tax collectors were hated in the first century. Jesus’s kindness and invitation to Matthew would’ve been totally unexpected.

- *Why is it so significant that Jesus would interact with Matthew and call him to be His disciple?*
- *Share about a moment when someone saw past your sin or your circumstance and still valued and invested in you.*
- *Consider Mr. Moore’s three questions from the perspective of your younger self. How would you answer those questions from your vantage point today?*
 - *In what ways do you want to grow in this next year?*
 - *What kind of person do you want to be right now?*
 - *What do you want people to think when they see you?*

Perhaps the answers to those forward-thinking questions are the same today as when you were young. Maybe they are different. Perhaps you see the way those young adult answers came to fruition in your life or how they needed to change over time so you could develop into who you are today.

This week, in your personal study, you will be invited to see people the way that Jesus does, looking past sin toward possibility. As you move forward, ask God to help the members of your group truly see Him and to help you see and respond to others the way Jesus does.

PRAY to close your time together.

WEEK 1 | DAY 1

HOLD THE WHEEL

Begin today’s study by reading the following verse from Psalm 119 and engaging with the subsequent prayer prompt.

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law. -Psalm 119:18 NIV

*Lord, open my eyes, that I may see the truth of Your Word.
Open my mind, that I may eagerly seek to know You more.
Open my heart, that I may grow in love toward You and others.
Guide my hands and feet, that I may follow Your way.*

God’s Word and prayer are the most helpful spiritual tools we have to align our hearts with God. The psalms allow us to combine these two pursuits in one place. Psalm 119 is the longest psalm in the Bible and is all about the work of the Lord through the Scriptures. These tools are both featured in **THE FORGE**.

Prayer aligns our lives with the will of God, allowing us to see Him for who He truly is and see ourselves for all we can be in Christ. Did you see the film **WAR ROOM**? In some ways, **THE FORGE** is a sequel to that film. The character Cynthia, played by Priscilla Shirer, is the identical twin of Elizabeth, the character she portrayed in **WAR ROOM**. Elizabeth even makes it into **THE FORGE** to spend time with her sister. Further, Ms. Clara, played by Karen Abercrombie, is a significant character in both films. When learning of Cynthia’s dilemma with her young adult son, Isaiah, Ms. Clara offers sage wisdom:

“We can’t treat prayer like a spare tire that we only pull out in an emergency; it’s the steering wheel that you hold tightly every day, no matter where you are going.”

- *Do you tend to use prayer primarily for emergencies in life or to maintain daily connection to God? Recall and write about the last time you prayed in crisis.*
- *Now, recall and write about the most significant season of prayer in your life, when you connected daily with God. How does God’s delight in you prompt even greater delight in you for Him?*

Read Psalm 73. Describe the psalmist’s state of mind in verses 2-16.

- *What happened in verse 17 to change the psalmist’s course?*

Prayer ushers people into the presence of God. From that place, we can truly see the world for what it is, the enemy for what he is up to, and the Lord and what He has for us. Spend time praying today, asking God to reveal to you His presence, His power, and His purpose.