

# JUDGMENT

## DISCUSSION GUIDE



Watch *Judgment* with your small group. Allow participants opportunity to share their thoughts on images or points that particularly stood out, things that intrigued or raised questions for them.



Read Psalm 96 and Matthew 25:31-46 out loud with your group. Allow time to consider the texts and reflect on the case presented in the film.



1. Martin Luther King Jr., once said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." What do you think King meant by this statement? What responsibility do we carry in the fight for justice? Give examples of everyday injustices we can "call out" when we see them.
2. Actor Morgan Freeman once said, "There is no bad religion. There are only bad people". Read Matthew 7:1-5. What does Jesus mean by all this talk about planks and specks? How would you paraphrase this illustration? How might religious hypocrisy stand in the way of true justice?
3. The Bible talks a lot about Judgement Day and the meting out of punishments and rewards. If we are saved by faith (Ephesians 2:8-9), how then can we be judged by our works (1 Peter 1:17)? Aren't these two ideas contradictory? What relationship do faith and works have in the life of the Jesus follower? Provide evidence for your position.
4. Author Lois McMaster Bujold is quoted as saying, "The dead cannot cry out for justice. It is the duty of the living to do so for them." What might be achieved by speaking for or about the dead since they are gone anyway? How might the stories of yesterday's tragedies or today's injustices be used to pave the way for a better tomorrow? Give examples.



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