

STUDY GUIDE FOR THE VIDEO



Introduction

What if God taught a biology class? That question is the foundation of *Life: It's a "Class" Project*. It is important to realize that this movie is a parable — an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. Our Lord Jesus Christ often used parables during His ministry to help people understand the truth about God and His kingdom.

This discussion guide is intended to be used after you or your group have viewed the video. You may want to work through this discussion guide in one session. Or maybe you will want to spend a few sessions on it. That is your choice. What is important is that you spend time discussing the major teachings in this video. It is absolutely essential that you do so by using the Word of God, the Holy Bible, for only here will you find answers you can truly count on and believe. After using this study guide, you may want to watch *Life: It's a "Class" Project* a second time to see if you can find little details you may have missed the first time.

May the Lord bless your discussion of these important issues.

God the Creator

The first person you meet in *Life: It's a "Class" Project* is Eli Salem. He is a high school biology class teacher, but he is more. His name gives us a clue; who does he really represent in this film? "Eli" is actually the Hebrew word for "my God," and "Salem" is the Hebrew word that means "peace." Thus, Eli's name actually means, "My God is peace."

You first meet him in his workshop. He is building his little boxes, his "children" as he calls them. This reminds us of Genesis 1:1. Look up that passage. Discuss how important it is to know that God is the creator of all things.

Look up Genesis 1:24-31. What is the crowning achievement of God's creative work? Genesis 1:31 describes things at the very beginning of the world. What was the world like before sin came into it?

Look up Hebrews 11:3. What do we know by faith?

Look up Colossians 1: 16. Who is behind all of creation?

Today many people do not believe that God is our creator. They may say they don't even believe there is a god. They believe instead that everything that exists just came about by accident through a very long process of evolution. Does the Bible support this point of view? What does 2 Peter 3:5-6 have to say about this issue? How does 1 Timothy 6:20-21 help us understand what our attitude should be toward points of view that deny that God is the creator of all things?

God's Good Gift of Human Sexuality

Like everything else about us, our sexuality is a gift from God. It is a gift He has given to be used as He intends. Our sexuality is also a powerful force in our lives, both for good and for evil. This is where so many of our problems come from. The world around us has one idea of what human sexuality is all about, but God's Word teaches us the truth about it.

Look up Genesis 2:18-25. What was Adam's reaction to Eve's creation?

Look up Ephesians 5:21-33. How does God intend for us to use our human sexuality?

What are some of the reasons God gave us the good gift of our sexuality?

Think about how our world cheapens and destroys God's intention for our sexuality.

In the film, Jason and Emily are not handling things well. Discuss how Jason is acting and compare that to how Emily is feeling. God's Word clearly teaches that sexual intercourse between people who are not married is sin and totally wrong. There are no exceptions. What are some of the excuses people give for having sex outside of marriage?

Look up Mark 10:6-9. What is Jesus Christ's attitude about marriage?

Look up Titus 2:11-12. How does God want us to handle our sexuality?

Look up 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 and also verse 18. How serious is God about this?

Discuss the pressure you have felt to act contrary to God's will for your sexuality. What situations do you need to avoid? How can you make sure that happens?

Our culture leads us to believe that having sex outside of marriage is easy, with no guilt, no problems and no consequences. Is that really so? Can you identify consequences of sex outside of marriage? Talk about consequences that impact our relationship with God. Talk about the health risks. Talk about the consequences of an unplanned pregnancy. Talk about how all these consequences hurt families and our society.

Sin, Death and the Devil

In the video, when Emily drifts off to sleep, she dreams about a different sort of Jason, one who is more sensitive and caring. Why is she thinking this way? What is the reality behind her thinking?

Look up Psalm 51:5 and Romans 5:12. In what condition are we born into this world? What is the biggest problem any of us have in this life?

Sometimes you hear that people are “basically good.” Look up Genesis 8:21. Is that true? just how bad off are we? Look up 1 Corinthians 2:14.

Look up Ephesians 2:1 and Romans 8:7. How is it possible to describe people who do not know Jesus as their Savior as being living dead people?

In Emily’s dream, Jason is bothered by an event in his life. What was that? What happened? Why does he feel so bad about it? Have you ever been in a similar situation? Do you know somebody who has?

Death is a part of life, or so people say. Did God intend for this to happen? How did death enter the world? Look up Genesis 3:1-7. How did the devil tempt Eve? Why do you think Adam just gave in to sin? Often we too just “give in” when temptation comes along in our lives. What is the big temptation of euthanasia?

In *Life: It’s a “Class” Project*, there are many examples of sin. Can you identify them? What about Emily? What about Jason? What about some other members of the class? Discuss how one sin leads to another, and then another, and then another. Think of some examples from the video. Abortion is too often one of the sinful consequences of other sins.

In His Word, God commands us not to murder (Exodus 20:13). Abortion is murder. It is the killing of an unborn child. There are many excuses people give for abortion. How did Emily try to justify the murder of her unborn child? Can you think of other excuses that are used?

Look up Psalm 139:16 and Jeremiah 1:5. The unborn child is known by God. How does the music video following the story underscore this truth? How does this help you understand how sinful abortion really is?

But what if you could really start over?

There is no doubt about it. All human beings, every single one of us, have a very large problem in our lives. Sin. S - I - N. That's the problem. Sin leads to death. Sin separates us from God. Sin can lead to an eternity apart from God, suffering eternal punishment and death. It is serious business, this sin. Nobody knows that better than God.

Talk about the scene in the movie where Emily confesses her sin to Eli. What is his response? Look up Isaiah 1: 18. What does God want for us?

Look up Psalm 86:15. What motivated God to take care of our sin?

Look up 2 Corinthians 5:19. What did God do to take care of our sin problem?

Look up Ephesians 1:7. What does God give as a free gift?

Look up I John 2:2; 2 Corinthians 5:21; and Romans 4:25. What did Jesus Christ do for us?

Did you notice how Eli washed Emily's face and then her hands? Look up Titus 3:5. How does God wash us clean? How does God keep us clean in His eyes? Look up 1 Corinthians 10:16 and Matthew 26:28. What does Christ give us?

When Emily returned to her seat in the class, there was something different about her. How was that reflected in her attitude? What made the difference?

Look up Psalm 51: 10. What does God create in us?

Look up Romans 8:9. What controls the Christian?

Look up 2 Corinthians 5:17. In Christ, what have we become?

Look up Ephesians 2:10. What is our calling in Christ?

Look up Philippians 1:6. What is God's promise to us? Why is this good news?

Why do you think Emily is smiling at the end of *Life: It's a "Class" Project*?