

Beautifully Broken discussion guide

Discussion for a movie night: Enjoy the film. Afterwards, here are some discussion questions that might help you to engage with others on the topics from the film.

Enjoy the time engaging with the film, your faith and friends.

Synopsis

This terrifying time in this African country's history led to the wide-spread evacuation of many into the neighbouring countries. William Mwirerwa (*Benjamin A. Onyango*) and his family managed to get across the Kenyan border and found shelter in a refugee camp. During their escape from their homeland, they managed to escape the death squads because of the merciful act of Mugenzi (*Bonko Khoza*), an action that led to a jail term for the man. After many months in the camp, a providential opportunity opens the door for William to immigrate to the United States and start over in Nashville, Tennessee. He goes before his family and hopes to bring them over once he finds work and a place to live.

On the other side of the world the Hartley family lived a prosperous lifestyle in Nashville. Randy (*Scott William Winters*) was a father and husband who provided generously for his family, but he was losing his family because of workaholicism. As his daughter grew up, one thing that she came to cherish was her friendship to a young girl on the other side of the world. Andrea (*Emily Hahn*) became penpals with a young Rwandan girl named, Umuhoza (*Ditebogo Ledwaba*).

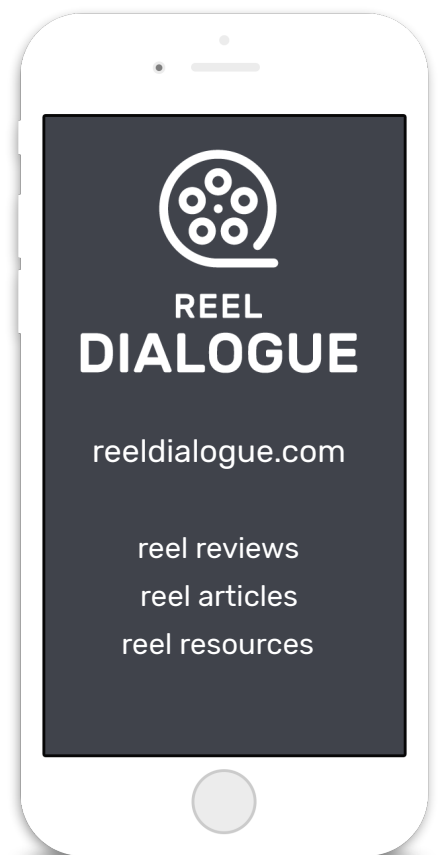
Discussion points

1. What a powerful true story. How did it impact your life? What were the strengths and the weaknesses of the movie?
2. Beautifully Broken compelling story of the power of friendship and the value of the written word. A film that shows the value of letter writing and the long-gone idea of a penpal. How do you show your friends how you care from them?

'Here is my greeting in my own handwriting—Paul. I do this in all my letters to prove they are from me.' 2 Thessalonians 3:17

3. The challenges facing both families were very real. Despite the different cultures, it shows we are all connected in different ways. The film weaves in the topics like abuse, family, faith and injustice. How did these elements add or take away from the overall story? Are there any examples of any of these things in your life?
4. How did the faith-based issues interest you or help the story? Did this change your view on Christianity?

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 1 John 3:17



A refugee is someone who survived and who can create the future."