



Discussion Guide

Film: Brooklyn

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.



Film Synopsis

Eilise (Saoirse Ronan) is searching for a life outside her small-town Irish existence. The shores of America beckon her to leave behind all that is familiar to this young and naive Irish shop girl. With the blessing of her family, she sails to the new world in the foreboding New York City or specifically, Brooklyn. On arrival to this land of promise and the Brooklyn Dodgers, she travels through the struggles of homesickness, adjusting to a strange, new culture and developing new relationships. After beginning a new job and adjusting to life in a boarding house, she is introduced to Tony (Emory Cohen) at a dance at the local church. This young Italian plumber is captivated by the understated, but beautiful Eilise. As their relationship grows and her new found life flourishes in this land of opportunity, a family tragedy occurs back in Ireland and Eilise has to return home. She is quickly confronted with the decision to remain in her former homeland or to return to the life that she has come to love in New York.



Discussion points for Reel Dialogue

1. Did you enjoy the film? What were the strengths and what were the weaknesses?
2. What does the Bible say about the value of marriage? (Genesis 2:24, Proverbs 18:22)
3. How should legal immigrants be treated? (Exodus 22:21, Leviticus 19:33-34)
4. Does the Bible talk of the value of the church within a community? (Hebrews 10:24-25)
5. What does this film say about God?
6. Does Jesus give us an answer in suffering?