



Discussion Guide

Film: Bridge of Spies



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

Before the Irish band existed, U2 had a completely different meaning to the world. At the beginning of the Cold War, Francis Gary Powers (Austin Stowell) was a pilot of the new reconnaissance U2 plane that was shot down over the Soviet Union. Probably lesser known were two other men who factored into this unique bit of history, James B. Donovan (Tom Hanks), a partner and a successful insurance lawyer in one of the most influential law firms in Brooklyn and Rudolf Abel (Mark Rylance), an artist who is suspected of espionage in the United States. These three men played significant roles in one of most pivotal scenarios during the Cold War. Like many stories of the international spy game, much of it was fought behind the closed doors of world politics. Academy-Award winning director Steven Spielberg (Schindler's List) delivers this incredible story at the beginning of the Cold War era and how the power of negotiation helped to keep the world from going down the path of nuclear war.



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 freedom?
(Romans 8: 1-4, Galatians 5:1)
3. Can we ever find true justice?
(Proverbs 21:15, Romans 12:19)
4. What does the Bible say about peace?
(Matthew 5:9, Matthew 10:34-36)
5. What does this film say about God?