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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

Baltasar Kormákur directs the tale that surrounds the fateful days of two primary expedition teams led by Rob Bell (Jason Clarke) and Scott Fisher (Jake Gyllenhaal). The climbing story weaves through the competitive culture of mountaineering and the sacrifices that the men and women undertake for these excursions. From the adventure journalist to a determined Texan to the humble postman, the back stories of the various climbers help to humanise the experience and open the door to the motivations that each person had to participate in their harrowing choices. After leaving the basecamp, every step leads to life and death choices that effect every member of the expedition. The effectiveness and depth of the mountain climbing styles is shown in the different leaders, but regardless of their methods, the teams are at the mercy of the weather and the mountain's terrain. Bell and Fisher were experienced mountaineers, but they carried with them their own personal flaws and had to manage the strengths and weaknesses of each soul that was under their charge. Everest provides a dramatic look at the magnificence of the mountain and the unforgiving nature of the journey before the climbers.

Discussion points for Reel Dialogue

1. Why do people climb mountains and take on achievements like this story?

2. Why do bad things happen to good people?

3. What does the future hold? (The book of Revelation, James 4:13-16)

4. Can we solve our own problems? (Proverbs 3:5, Philippians 4:6)

5. What does the Bible say about achieving our dreams? (Jeremiah 29:11, Matthew 6:33)

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