

Discussion Guide

Film: Star Wars: The Force Awakens



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

Thirty years have passed since the events of Return of the Jedi, and the galaxy is under threat once again. Legendary Jedi Luke Skywalker (Mark Hamill) has disappeared, and a power called the First Order has risen from the ashes of the fallen Galactic Empire. The Resistance, led by General Leia (Carrie Fisher), is attempting to fight back, sending out ace pilot Poe Dameron (Oscar Isaac) on Luke's trail.

Captured and tortured by First Order commander Kylo Ren (Adam Driver), Poe finds an unexpected ally in Finn (John Boyega), a reluctant Stormtrooper. But their escape goes awry, and Finn finds himself alone on the desert planet Jakku, where he meets Rey (Daisy Ridley), a tough scavenger in possession of a droid which might hold the key to Luke's whereabouts.

When they steal a run-down spaceship to outrun their pursuers, Finn and Rey are tracked down by the ship's original owner: Han Solo (Harrison Ford), who has a painful personal connection to the villainous Kylo Ren.



Discussion points for Reel Dialogue

1. What were your expectations of The Force Awakens going in?
2. How did the filmmakers approach balancing the old and the new in The Force Awakens?
3. How does The Force Awakens explore the idea of legacy? How do we see the torch (or rather, the lightsaber) being handed on to a new generation?
4. Why do you think Star Wars is so beloved by so many people?