



GOD IN FILM

STUDY GUIDES



Producer



Director



Reviewer

ELVIS

"I believe in the Bible. I believe that all good things come from God. I don't believe I'd sing the way I do if God hadn't wanted me to." - Elvis Presley



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Film Synopsis

Since Elvis' untimely death in 1977, many reports of his lifestyle have made it difficult to differentiate fact from legend. When Baz Luhrmann (*The Great Gatsby*) announced his intention to develop a biopic on the King of Rock, there was an apprehensive groan throughout the industry. Especially when the Australian production was plagued with COVID-influenced challenges throughout the filming, there was a skepticism that overshadowed its eventual release. Yet, you cannot underestimate the powers of Luhrmann and his ability to deliver an unexpected spectacle along with the continual allure of Presley's charismatic appeal.

What is unexpected from the outset is how the director of *Moulin Rouge* had the whole film narrated by the nemesis of Presley's past, Colonel Tom Parker (Tom Hanks). Even if audiences are unfamiliar with his role in Elvis' success and downfall, it becomes apparent that he is the perfect person to tell Presley's story. Since he was the man who discovered the young singer and began to groom him for his role in rock and roll history. As this 20-year journey goes from Elvis' early years in poverty and how the influence of those within the African American community helped him to develop his musical style and unique dancing abilities. His less-than-illustrious acting career culminated with his infamous years in Las Vegas.



Discussion points

Did you enjoy the movie? What did you like about the story?

Were you familiar with Elvis' music before watching the film? Did you have a favourite song?

How did the trials in his life define who he was as an artist and a person?

Did his faith have any influence on his life? Why?



Close the Curtain

How do you deal with difficult people or situations in your life?

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

How do define success in your lives? What do you base this definition on?

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. - Proverbs 3:5