



# GOD IN FILM

## STUDY GUIDES



Producer



Director



Reviewer

## MINORITY REPORT

The system is perfect until it comes after you.

And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

John 8:32

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*God in Film study guides combine your two favourite things, God and movies. Upskill yourself for group discussions that explores deep themes. Learn to be the Producer, Director and Reviewer of your own film discussion group.*



## PRODUCER

Prep for the discussion

*How can you make the most use of your time?*

- Watch the movie first alone to prepare to facilitate the discussion
- Read the guide for the movie you are watching, decide what your group needs
- Have a running sheet for the way the event will run, or use our template.
- Arrange your physical or online space for group dynamics
- Pray for the group before you meet.



## DIRECTOR

Keep the discussion rolling...

*How can you make sure the night runs smoothly?*

- As the "director", you are not the expert but the person who makes sure the night runs smoothly, not the final authority on film or God.
- Ask an opening question, to get people thinking.
- Watch the movie together all the way through to allow people to develop their own ideas
- Prepare key clips to re-watch and discuss (provided in guides). These help with engagement



## REVIEWER

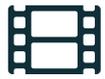
Help your group members become reviewers

*How can you encourage your group to engage with deeper questions?*

- Establish a positive culture. Affirm people's comments and encourage respectful listening from the whole group through your example.
- Don't correct ideas but listen, mirror their response and then ask for the group's opinions to keep discussion flowing
- Encourage experiential comments and opinions. When people become more analytical, try and bring it back to the person's experience of the film by asking questions. Use your pre-prepared clips to refresh their initial reactions

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## Film Synopsis

In the year 2054 A.D. crime is virtually eliminated from Washington D.C. thanks to an elite law enforcing squad "Precrime". They use three gifted humans (called "Pre-Cogs") with special powers to see into the future and predict crimes beforehand. John Anderton heads Precrime and believes the system's flawlessness steadfastly. However one day the Pre-Cogs predict that Anderton will commit a murder himself in the next 36 hours.

Worse, Anderton doesn't even know the victim. He decides to get to the mystery's core by finding out the 'minority report', which means the prediction of the female Pre-Cog, Agatha, that "might" tell a different story and prove Anderton innocent. Written by Soumitra



## Produce

### *Planning List*

- 1) Watch the Film, what themes can you see? What will your group connect with?
- 2) Prepare some clips to highlight these themes (suggested clips (p, 3)
- 3) Prepare a runsheet or adapt the template
- 4) Pray and prepare your space (online or physical)



## Direct

### *Discussion Questions*

1. Philip K. Dick's short stories and novels have provided multiple inspirations for many of today's greatest dystopian films, including *The Minority Report*. What does this film say about society?
2. Do you think a Pre-Cog system would be worthwhile and effective today?
3. Which character of the film did you connect with best? Why?



## Review

### *Can we change our future?*

*Philip K. Dick has developed a fascinating world where law enforcement is in the business of preventing crime as opposed to reaching it. The Pre-Cog system is based on the determination that people are predictable and cannot change their future. Do you believe that we are victims of fate?*

*The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps. - Proverbs 16:9*



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## Clips

### The heart of man

Chief Anderton (Tom Cruise) is confronted with the fact that he is a potential suspect in an upcoming murder. This twist is the catalyst for the rest of the film, but does open the door for considerations for the fear of mankind. No one would think that they are capable of murder or other crimes, but yet these acts against society occur daily. Even in this supposed utopian society, crimes occur.

Why do humans continue to act out in this manner? Does this apply to you?

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?  
"I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds." - Jeremiah 17:9-10

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## Close the Curtain

### The final judgment

The Minority Report allows for audiences to consider that in all of our best efforts, we cannot force mankind to change. Some in society would say that the intentions of humanity are meant for good. While our news reports and history proves differently. Based on the film's outcome, what would your judgment be of mankind? What is your solution?