

ASBURY AT THE MOVIES

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Week 1 July 9 2023

“The Sound of Music”



OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for bringing us together today. Help us to grow closer to one another and to you during this time. We ask that you would give us some wisdom to see where the movie ‘Sound of Music’ points us toward your Word. And then give us the courage to do your will in our lives. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Proverbs 12:15

The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.

Proverbs 19:20

Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise.

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Acts 5:29

Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!

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INTRODUCTION

The Sound of Music is a 1965 American musical drama. After its release in theaters, the critical response to the film was mixed, but it was a major commercial success, becoming the number one box office film after four weeks, and the highest-grossing film of 1965. It's the story of a young woman named Maria, who is studying to be a nun but is sent to be a governess to seven children for a retired naval officer and widower. So where does this film point us toward scripture?

Like Maria, our task is to do the will of God wholeheartedly. Discovering God's will for our lives requires prayer and Godly council from others. After discovering God's purpose for our lives, we need to do it wholeheartedly and that sometimes requires us to get out of our comfort zones. It also requires us to not compromise our principles. Captain Von Trapp and Maria are good examples as to discerning and doing the will of God.

QUESTIONS

1. Have you seen the movie the “Sound of Music?” If so, discuss your thoughts on it.
2. When Maria is asked “what is the most important thing you learned at the abbey?” She responded “to find out what is the will of God and to do it wholeheartedly.” Do you know what God's will and purposes is for your life? Do you do it wholeheartedly?
3. Maria relies on the council of the Reverend Mother and prayer to discover God's will for her. Do you have Godly council in your life? Where have they helped you in the past? Do you pray on a regular basis, asking God for direction in your life?
4. Maria runs back to the Abbey after discovering that she had romantic feelings for Captain von Trapp. Do you think that fear keeps you from doing something God has called you to do? If so, what is it? How do you overcome fear related to God's plan for you?
5. Music played a big role in the Von Trapp family. What role does music play in your faith?
6. Captain von Trapp and Maria made a choice to sacrifice status, comfort, security, and potentially their own and their children's lives to stand up for what they believe is right. Have you ever compromised your principles in order to fit in with your friends or others?

FINAL APPLICATION

What is one step you can take this week to pursue God's will for your life?