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Turning A Conversation Toward the Gospel

So, let's say you had a few people over to watch the film in your home. Or maybe you are talking about it in the break room at work on Monday. *How can you transition a casual conversation about this TV Show to spiritual things?*

Here are a few tips to help you out:

Start A Conversation

Start with the obvious question, "Well, what did you think about the film?" You're just having a natural conversation about a TV Show, just like any other you would have with friends or family. This shouldn't feel forced or like you are reading from a prepared presentation.

Talk About Themes or Characters From the Program

The film is full of themes that are true to life: the loss of a job, frustration with a parent, getting even, loneliness, love interest, and more... Talk about some of the themes that relate to you and see what relates to the person you are talking with. There are also some great characters in the film that you or the person you are talking with might find relatable.

"Are You Giving or Taking?"

Throughout the film you notice a repeated theme and question: This Christmas, are you giving or taking? This is a great opportunity to turn the conversation to spiritual things. You could relate how Christmas seems to be literally wrapped up in the idea of giving or taking. Then talk about how for you, Christmas is less about what you can give or take, but what God has given.

You might say something like this:

"You know, the original intent for Christmas was all about giving. It's not just some baby in a manger, it is God giving us the chance at a new life through Jesus." From there you can begin sharing about how Jesus gave His life so that we could be forgiven of our sins and come into a relationship with God.

Invite Them to the Church that Created the Film

They may not be ready to talk about the Gospel just yet. That's totally fine! You could invite them to visit the church that made the film. If they are open to it, bring them as your guest, don't just tell them the time to show up and the address. Meet them at the door, help them check in their kids, and see if you can grab lunch with them afterward.

Pray

In all of these conversations, pray and ask God to give you wisdom with your words and favor with the person that you are sharing with. Ask God to open their eyes to who Jesus is and to having a relationship with Him. Maybe God could use you this Christmas to help someone discover the gift of God, eternal life in Jesus Christ (Romans 6:23b)