



SUN MOON

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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OVERVIEW

Kelsey's vision for her future is shattered when her fiancé leaves her at the altar. Heartbroken and humiliated, she leaps at the chance to escape her life and teach English in Taiwan. Will she ever find happiness and love again?

SPOILER ALERT: Intended for use after viewing ***SUN MOON***, this study guide provides resources for biblically-based discussion. This guide is an excellent tool for group or personal study.

THEME ONE: DISAPPOINTMENT

Kelsey has already quit her job and given up her apartment in an attempt to be “the perfect wife,” only to be left at the altar. On top of that, her ex has claimed that he left her because “God told him to” and has chosen instead to be in a relationship with her old roommate. Everything that Kelsey has dreamed of and planned for has been taken away in a moment, and she feels that God has let her down.

SCRIPTURES REFERENCED:

Psalms 22:1-2 (NIV): “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.”

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV): “‘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.’”

Philippians 1:4-6 (NIV): “In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV): “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.”

SCENES TO REVIEW

“Moving to Taiwan”: 7:18.464 — 11:07.502

“God Did Not Burn You”: 33:10.588 — 34:47.821

“Lists For Santa”: 58:23.208 — 58:58.692

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Have you been in a situation where major life plans fell through? How did it affect your view of the world and your relationship with God?
- Do you believe that you need to be careful what you ask God for like Kelsey says in the scene “Lists for Santa?” Why or why not?
- Have you ever felt forsaken by God, as the Psalmist says in Psalm 22? Did you tell God how you felt?
- Why do you think Kelsey doesn’t often ask about her mother? How do you think this plays into the theme of disappointment?
- Matthew 7:7 says, “Ask and it will be given to you.” Have there been times in your life when you found this hard to believe?

THEME TWO: HEALING

Kelsey begins the process of healing from her disappointment as she learns to open her heart to her students, her family, and God. It's not something that happens all at once, but slowly, as she learns to trust others and herself again.

SCRIPTURES REFERENCED:

Psalm 118:5-6 (NIV): “When hard pressed, I cried to the Lord; He brought me into a spacious place.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 (NIV): “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,”

Psalm 147:3 (NIV): “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”

Jeremiah 33:6 (NIV): ““Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security.”

SCENES TO REVIEW

“I Want to Love”: 1:10:32.714 — 1:12:20.498

“A Time For Everything”: 50:17.394 — 51:42.788

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Do you believe there is a time to mourn, as Ecclesiastes says, before trying to rush to healing?
- Have you allowed yourself to mourn disappointments in your life or have you pretended that everything was okay when it wasn't? What are some healthy ways you've experienced to process grief and loss?
- Why do you think Kelsey is afraid that anyone she loves will be taken away? Have you ever felt that way?
- As the movie progresses, we see Kelsey start to open her heart more and more to her students. Do you think this reflects her relationship with God healing? Why or why not?
- In what areas of your life do you feel you still need to receive healing? Can you ask God for that healing? If not, what do you think is holding you back?