

Reflection questions for Saved!

1. Did any of the characters in the movie remind you of anyone you know? How so?
2. Mandy Moore's character Hilary Faye was mean, vindictive and two faced throughout the movie. What was worse – what she did or her hypocrisy?
3. Throughout the movie there seemed to be a lot of confusion about what the “Christian” thing to do was – what does the Christian thing even mean?
4. From what you know of the life of Jesus – which characters seemed most like him/ which were not?
5. What do you think the filmmaker was trying to say through the movie?

Wrap-Up

At the end of the movie Jenna Malone's character Mary asked the over used question “what would Jesus do?” She responded honestly with “I don't know” but also expressed a desire to figure it out with her friends. Life is never simple and often seems to be all gray instead of black and white. Saved! brings up a lot of issues that fall into the gray area. Damascus Road desires to be a community of friends who do their best to figure out what following Jesus is supposed to be in the complexities of today's world. The Bible provides our foundation in understanding the life of Jesus and his sacrifice to reconnect us with God. We hope to be people who are not like the “Christians” in Saved! but rather people who authentically pursue a life modeled after Jesus and a spiritual connection with God. No one looks at the “Christians” in Saved! and says 'that is what following Jesus is supposed to be about' – we know that it is something different. Like what Mary said at the end, “we'll try and figure it out together” is the first step toward getting life headed in the right direction.

Like every movie we show here at the Cinema and Spirit events we think that Saved brings up a lot of interesting issues that will prompt conversation. We don't necessarily endorse what goes on in the movie but we do think it's worth talking about.