**Flash Fiction Series**

At the Movies 2022

**Bottom Line:** Offer a creative fiction approach to explore the Biblical themes of At the Movies. Like Paul used Stoic poets to share the Gospel, this approach will utilize flash fiction to connect people’s hearts and minds with God’s truth. The pieces will be created to capture the theme being taught in each week’s movie from a fresh perspective.

 **Goals**

* Fiction stories are sometimes more approachable to those just starting the adventure or who normally don’t want to read a devotional book.
* This is an opportunity to invite people into what we offer, to engage people who might not otherwise read something from us and keep them engaged after the weekend service
* It will provide a fun way for people to engage with ideas discussed in the message, underscoring the movie themes

**WHAT:** 2000 Word flash-fiction pieces that would complement the theme of that week’s movie, It would be provided daily in 400-word installments Monday – Friday. Each story would resolve by Friday.

**HOW: Delivered via text message**

**WHO:** People who already read the LIO would be invited to sign up. To attract those not connected with the LIO, a “P.S.” would be added to any churchwide communication inviting others to join and social media. Any additional personal invites welcomed.

**WHEN** – During the At the Movies series Nov 7- Dec 2

**FAQ**

**Would this replace the LIO?**

No, this would be in addition to the LivingItOut, NOT in place of.

**Why not launch this churchwide and talk about it on the weekend?**

We’d like to try this as a bullet (not a cannon), learn, survey those who participate and then see if it could be leveraged again on a broader scale.

**Are these going to be cheesy stories about people going to church?**

No, in fact we would stay away from stories or settings like that and instead allow for a broader range of subjects and settings.

**Why this approach?**

Consider how leadership books use fables with characters to help people see a principle or truth – the hope is we can do some of the same.