

# The Greatest Inheritance: STUDY

## GETTING STARTED:

**SUPPLIES:** A copy of *The Greatest Inheritance* movie  
Blank Journal Books (24 Pack Journal Notebooks Set by Jekkis at amazon.com)  
Pens

**LAUNCH:** Movie Night  
Invite Friends  
Provide Snacks  
Lead Movie Night Discussion following the movie

**GROUP:** Set a weekly time to meet (request a 5-week commitment)  
Use the discussion starters included in the guide to host weekly conversations about the movie. (Print copies of the conversation sheets for each group member.)  
Encourage participants to download and print:  
    Live-Love-Leave worksheet  
    There is a Time for Everything, Coloring Book  
Give out notebooks for members to journal throughout the week.

**Confidentiality:** Please encourage group members to not share the stories or activities outside of group. Explain that being a safe person is keeping private information private. As a **Group Leader** – share that the only time you will share something outside of group is if a child threatens to hurt someone else or themselves (then you must notify a parent or guardian and get help).

For more information about *The Greatest Inheritance* visit: [mustardseedent.com](http://mustardseedent.com)

The *Greatest Inheritance* resources featured in the movie  
are available for purchase: [andreapolanszek.com](http://andreapolanszek.com)

Thank you for watching the movie *The Greatest Inheritance*. We are prayerful that God will use this film as a pathway for truth, life and love. *The Greatest Inheritance* is a great movie for teens, their friends and families. This guide is a tool to help start conversations within youth group, small groups, family and church.

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## Conversation 1: *The Prayer*

“Mom lived her life to the fullest.” – Carey DuBose

**Scripture Challenge:** This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you,  
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

But if you do not forgive others their sins,  
your Father will not forgive your sins.”

*Matthew 6:9-14 NIV*

**Movie Clue:** Mr. Shephard begins the funeral scene by reading the Lord’s Prayer. How did the siblings respond to that reading? What do you think the prayer may have meant to them?

Kasey:

George:

Rachel:

Carey:

**Personal Challenge:** What does the Lord’s Prayer mean to you?

**Spirit Clue:** Jesus instructed His disciples to “...Pray like this.” The prayer was part of the Last Supper, the night he was betrayed by one of his closest followers and friends, Judas. It was a sober experience but the gang of twelve didn’t get it. Jesus did something that was ordinary. He blessed the meal, but then he intensified the meaning by explaining: “...remember me when you eat bread and drink wine. When you break bread, think of my body being ripped apart for you. When you drink your glass of wine, remember my blood being spilled for you.” Although these were not Jesus’ final words, they were part of one of his last conversations with his friends. Take some time to think about the message, Jesus’ last meal and the words that he left with his followers. What do you want your last words to be?

**Live – Love – Leave:** When you think of what you want to leave behind after you die, what part of the Lord’s Prayer would you incorporate into it?

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## Conversation 2: *The Dinner*

“Kasey slow down, you are gonna choke.” – Rachel DuBose

**Scripture Clue:** The Man said, “Finally! Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh!

Name her Woman for she was made from Man.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and mother and embraces his wife.

They become one flesh.

The two of them, the Man and his Wife,  
were naked, but they felt no shame.

*Genesis 2:23-25 MSG*

**Movie Clue:** Clue #1 led to siblings to cook a meal together. How did each sibling experience the meal making process? Once they sat down to eat, what do you think the prayer may have meant to each of them? Do you think their mother was honored by the act of them praying?

Kasey:

George:

Rachel:

Carey:

**Personal Clue:** What is the last experience you have shared with your siblings, cousins or family?

**Spirit Clue:** God designed people to live in community. The first institution of community is the Trinity – Father, Son and Spirit. The second institution of community was family – Adam and Eve. Just because God instituted family, doesn’t mean it always works out well. In Deuteronomy, Moses instructs for “children to obey their parents.” And then God provides his 10 guideposts for living. One of them includes: Honor your father and your mother. The Bible also tells us: leave your father and mother and join with your spouse. This can often be very tricky to do. It is important to hold all of these truths in tension with one another. How do you reconcile these ideas? How do these truths affect the way you do family right now?

**Live – Love – Leave:** How does your immediate and extended family fit into your end-of-life plans?

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## Conversation 3: *Hole in the Wall*

“I hid my stuff at my friend’s house.” – George DuBose

**Scripture Clue:** But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven,  
where moths and vermin do not destroy,  
and where thieves do not break in and steal.  
*Matthew 6:20 NIV*

**Movie Clue:** Kasey finds personalized childhood mementos in the hole in the wall in her bedroom. What was the significance of their mother hiding the items there? What was each of the items they found? What was the significance of the item to each of the siblings?

Kasey:

George:

Rachel:

Carey:

**Personal Clue:** What is one item from your childhood you can remember? What is its significance to you? Do you remember when and why you received the item/gift?

**Spirit Clue:** Jesus gave an important instruction to his followers about “stuff.” He suggested that we don’t store up where moth and rust destroy. It is hard to part with things. The older we get the more we realize the things that have sentimental value when stored in a garage, attic or even storage unit often end up destroyed when they are no longer enjoyed. Between water damage, little critters and mold, often the things we are holding on to are a mess when we do finally open the box up again. How does God use the “things” in our lives to reveal himself to us?

**Live – Love – Leave:** What are some of the items that you would want your family to keep and why?

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## Conversation 4: *Playing*

“Those were my happiest times... it’s kinda feels like the best is behind me.” – Kasey Striker

**Scripture Clue:** Let the little **children** come to me, and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.  
Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive  
the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.  
*Luke 18:16-17 NIV*

**Movie Clue:** Mom gives her children a challenge to play Capture the Flag. The siblings agree to play on behalf of their mother. What is the significance to playing a game from your youth? Why do you think Mom left this as a clue for her adult children?

Kasey:

George:

Rachel:

Carey:

**Personal Clue:** When is the last time that you allowed yourself to play. What did you do? How did it feel?

**Spirit Clue:** Jesus said that his followers should become like children to enter the Kingdom of heaven. And before he taught that he instructed the children that were there in the crowd to come to him. As we grow up, we often leave our playful spirit behind. We get wrapped up with adult responsibilities and weighed down with responsibilities. Jesus seems to indicate that his economy is different. What does becoming like a child look like to you?

**Live – Love – Leave:** Think about either the most valuable childhood experience you had or one you often wished you had. Now make that happen for someone else. Or recall what it was like when you made it possible for someone else to experience it (i.e. taking your children to Disney World for the first time).

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## Conversation 5: *The Garden*

“These are Mustard Seeds.” – Emily

**Scripture Clue:** The farmer sows the word. Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown. *Mark 4:14-20 NIV*

**Movie Clue:** The family had important conversations while planting in the truck garden. Read the parable above again and consider which seed correlates with which sibling at their point of spiritual development in the movie.

Kasey:

George:

Rachel:

Carey:

**Personal Clue:** What does planting mean to you? Are you a gardener (physical garden) and if so, what do you enjoy about gardening? What types of spiritual seeds have you planted? Have you seen any of them harvested?

**Spirit Clue:** “*Their lives will be like a well-watered garden, never again left to dry up.*” *Jeremiah 31:14*. The parable above is beautiful and poignant but also a bit mysterious. What does it mean to you for your soul to be a well-watered garden?

**Live – Love – Leave:** How does the concept of planting spiritual seeds impact your final will and testament?

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## Conversation 6: *The Inheritance*

“Inform my children that the deed for my property  
is buried on the property.” – Mother DuBose

**Scripture Clue:** The blameless spend their days under the LORD’s care,  
and their **inheritance** will endure forever.  
*Psalm 37:18 NIV*

**Movie Clue:** Throughout the movie each of the siblings mentions items they had hoped to inherit. List the items below. They also won different items during the games. They never seemed to receive the items they were hoping to. Spend a little time processing what each of the siblings expected to receive for their inheritance.

Kasey:

George:

Rachel:

Carey:

**Personal Clue:** Is there something you would really like from your family inheritance? Is there an item or money that you are hoping for? Be honest with yourself, do you expect an inheritance and if so, how do you perceive that it will affect your life? Have you thought about what you are leaving behind for your children? Is your last will and testament important to you?

**Spirit Clue:** What does God say about an inheritance that matters most? Do you believe in God’s economy?

**Live – Love – Leave:** What lengths would you go to receive your inheritance? What items do you want? How do you think your family will respond to the reading of your parent’s will? What is the most important part of what your parents did or will leave you?