

THE LAST APPEAL

Group Discussion Questions

These questions can help your small group discuss some of the themes presented in THE LAST APPEAL.

Copy and share this sheet with groups who would like to participate.

To Group Leaders: Conducting open, frank discussions on spiritual topics can often progress in unexpected directions, especially when people are passionate about their beliefs and opinions. Encourage everyone in your group to strive for common ground, focusing on what God's Word says.

Before you begin, pray together: *Father God, please open our ears to hear and our eyes to see what You want to show us through this film. Please help us to bring our feelings and beliefs in line with the truth of Your Word. Amen.*

1. Titus is certain he can save himself and does everything in his power to get off death row. Read **Ephesians 2: 8-9** and **Acts 4:12**. Why is it impossible for us to redeem ourselves?
2. Trisha's guilt over her past breaks her spirit and her unforgiveness toward Titus fills her with bitterness. Read **Psalms 38:4 and 6** and **James 2:13**. What are the effects of guilt on our lives? What are the consequences of unforgiveness?
3. Clayton faces many obstacles in sharing Christ with others. He is threatened, ridiculed, ignored and even his relationship with his wife is put to the test. Read **1 Peter 3:14-16** and **John 15:18-19**. Why is it important to persevere in sharing the Gospel? How should we react in during these trials?
4. Clayton finds common ground with Kurtis through the comic books and is able to show mercy and friendship. Read **1 Corinthians 9: 19-23**. Think of someone who you find it hard to get along with. How can you find common ground with that person in order to share the love of God?
5. The execution of Kurtis and the lack of new evidence in his favor humbles Randy to the point that he's willing to put his faith in Christ. Read **2 Chronicles 7:14-15** and **Proverbs 29:23**. What are some ways in which God might humble us? What are the benefits of humility when we put our trust in Jesus?
6. Even though Doc's guilt over his past causes him to withdraw into silence, his heart is clearly changed by Clayton's ongoing witness. Read **Isaiah 55:10-11**. What does this tell us about the power of God's word?
7. When Trisha confesses the truth to Dr. Sanders she is finally able to let go of her guilt and seek forgiveness. Read **Psalms 32:5** and **James 5:16**. What unconfessed sins can you take before the Lord? How would it feel to no longer have that burden?
8. Clayton's heart felt testimony of what Christ did for him is a key aspect of how God makes His own appeal to Titus' heart. Read **2 Corinthians 5:20** and **Acts 26:12-17**. Was there a person whose testimony influenced you to give your life to Christ? What testimony can you share with others about what Jesus has done for you?
9. Trisha forgives Titus and tells him that God has changed her heart. This act humbles him so that he can forgive the abuse of his past and ask for Christ's forgiveness. Read **Matthew 5:44** and **Ephesians 4:32**. How does it help us to offer mercy to someone who has harmed us? How does it show the love of Christ to them?
10. In the final scene Jesus takes Titus' place on the cross and Titus is received into heaven. Read **Isaiah 53:5**, **John 3:16-17** and **1 John 1:9**. What does it mean to you knowing that Jesus took your place on the cross? What does the cross of Christ do for us as believers?

Hopefully, your group discussion has been an inspiring and thoughtful experience for everyone. **Finally, pray together once again for ongoing revelation:** *Heavenly Father, thank You for bringing us together to spend time meditating on Your Word. We ask that you lead us to Your truth. Please speak to our hearts by Your Holy Spirit and reveal any changes we need to make, unforgiveness we need to release or actions we need to take. Amen.*