



Questions:

1. Do you find that movies deepen your theological understanding and/or sometimes feel you encounter God at the movies? If so, can you give an example?

2. In *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, Indy finds himself standing on the edge of an enormous canyon which he must cross to get to the Holy Grail. With no other options and time running out, he takes a leap of faith and steps out into the chasm. His foot hits solid ground because there was actually a camouflaged bridge there. Discuss leaps of faith (yours or others).

3. In *Star Wars*, Yoda says: "Fear is the path to the dark side. Fear leads to anger. Anger leads to hate. Hate leads to suffering." What does Christianity have to say about fear?

4. Consider the following scene from *Lord of the Rings*:

PIPPIN: *I didn't think it would end this way.*

GANDALF: *End? No, the journey doesn't end here. Death is just another path, one that we all must take. The grey rain-curtain of this world rolls back, and all turns to silver glass, and then you see it.*

PIPPIN: *What? Gandalf? See what?*

GANDALF: *White shores, and beyond, a far green country under a swift sunrise.*

PIPPIN: *Well, that isn't so bad.*

GANDALF: *No. No, it isn't."*

- Is this how you envision the afterlife?

5. In *A River Runs Through It*, for the Maclean family, there is "no clear line between religion and fly fishing." Is there some activity for which you find "no clear line" between it and religion?

6. In *Black Panther*, the citizens of the country of Wakanda favored isolationism instead of using their resources to help others. Contrast this with Pastor Liz's sermon on Sunday where she said, "When we actually receive and embrace the extravagant love of God found in Jesus, we too start to give ourselves away in extravagant ways that make no sense in the world's economy."

- Why does it often seem easier to opt for isolationism?

7. *Field of Dreams* is the story of Ray Kinsella, an Iowa farmer. One evening while strolling through his cornfield, he hears a whisper: "If you build it, he will come." This leads him to build a baseball field — which has no apparent purpose — on the very land he grows his crops.

- Have you ever felt compelled to do something which might seem foolish to others? (If so, why?)

8. Do you have any favorite movie quotes which speak to your faith?