



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Greatest Showman | Pastor Daniel & Jackie Groves  
Summer Blockbuster

## Scripture

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**Philippians 4:7**

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

## Main Idea

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*Often in life, what we perceive we lack will attempt to set the narrative for what we pursue. For PT Barnum, the hard circumstances he experienced as the son of a blue collar worker in 19th Century New York, sets his pace. He thought that the apparent answer to his emptiness would be found in attaining wealth, and social standing. For many of us, this truth can be found within our own lives as well. There are things that we have built our lives around that are our attempts at setting things right. But what if the opposite of what you're experiencing isn't the answer to your lack of fulfillment?*

### **YOU WON'T FIND PEACE IN THE OPPOSITE OF YOUR PAIN.**

When have you experienced a moment where you figuratively “stepped out of the boat” and things got uncomfortable? What exactly made it uncomfortable?

What have you done, or are you doing, in an attempt to find peace in your life?

True peace only comes from one source - Jesus. Every other source will eventually dry up, leaving you anxiously searching for your next fix.

*Read: Psalm 103:12*

Pastor Jackie mentioned that so often we walk around focusing on the things that are dead in our lives. What have been some of those things for you?



**Just like Jesus, Barnum has a vision for the outcast and he speaks life over a young Napoleon named Charles. What do you hear God speaking over your life? Who else is speaking encouragement to you?**

**God is the Great Restorer, and He's calling out purpose in each one of us. Our only job is simply to walk through the door.**

*Read: Philippians 3:12-14*

**Pastor Daniel told us that the devil wants to demean you, distract you, and make the world your source of validation. Jesus wants the opposite. Knowing that you're not accepted by what you do, but rather by who you are in Him, what are you currently doing to live out of a place of security?**

**A life out of alignment and without God's purpose woven into it will end up crumbling. Pastor Jackie challenged us with these two questions of self evaluation.**

**IS WHAT I'M PURSUING A GOD DREAM? EXPLAIN.**

**WHAT IS MY PURSUIT COSTING ME?**

**Pastor Daniel mentioned that when everything is burning down, when it seems like there's no hope, and when you find yourself asking "is this the end?", that's when Jesus poses a new question, "what if this is only the beginning?"**

**What have you felt is too broken that couldn't be fixed?**

*Read: John 10:9; Romans 5:8*

# Summary

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*So today just like Young Charles, Barnum's great Napoleon... Will you step through the Door? And just like Philip Carlyle extending a hand when Barnum thought it was all over and done, Jesus now offers that same fresh opportunity to you.*

# Call To Action

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1. Take some time for self evaluation this week and take note of who you've been trying to impress and why.
2. Look for ways to demonstrate unconditional love to those around you. Think of their faces even now and consider what encouragement you can speak over them.
3. Consider the vision and dreams that you have for your life. How are they in alignment with what God wants for you, your family, your finances, your career, your ministry?



# Group Leader Resource

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## ***Game: Would You Rather?***

Use the random 'would you rather' generator to ask each group member to answer the question.

This is not as much a game as it is a conversation starter.

Rather than going one-by-one, you can also ask everyone the same question at the same time and simply have them hold up one finger or two to choose which answer they prefer.

Additional resource: <https://conversationstartersworld.com/would-you-rather-questions/>