

Spirit of Love Discussion Guide

1. It's not always the easiest thing to do when someone offends you or hurts you. It's not fun nor does it feel good to turn the other cheek as it says in Matt.5:39. Sometimes it's as painful as the dentist or childbirth.
 - How does it make us stronger?
 - Where in the film does it highlight turn the other cheek? (Coach leaves when they won't let them play because of the color of his skin.)
 - Give examples of where you chose to walk away from a situation or should have.

2. In 1 John 4:8 in the bible it says God is love. How does Coach Glenn show Gods love to Coach Rick?

3. There are consequences for our actions. Although God is love, He is a just God.
 - Give an example from the movie of consequences for action. (Alexei and his friends get barrettes and have to wear them in their hair after taking the girls shoes.)
 - When in your life have you had consequences for your action?
 - Has God dealt with you, either in praise or correction?

4. God's word says we are all equal and we should love one another. In "Spirit of Love" there are many examples of prejudice.
 - Share some examples from the movie.
 - Do you have some prejudices you carry?

5. Mike Glenn's father started the basketball program and coached for many years without payment. Mike has held the basketball camps for 33 years for free, as a way to honor his dad to give back to the community.
 - Is there something you currently do or can do to give back to your community with a Spirit of love?

6. There are numerous obstacles in life for everyone. All of us experience difficulties in our daily lives. No one goes through life without pain and frustrations. In "Spirit of Love" there are several of the all-star players whose parents in real life were told they would never survive at birth. Yet today they are acting in a feature length film. By medical standards they shouldn't have made it. They are living testimonies to God's amazing miracles.
 - Do you believe in miracles?
 - Do you believe that God still does miracles?
 - Has He done a miracle for you?

7. Many times while watching movies we identify with a specific character. Who was your favorite character in Spirit of Love?
 - Did you identify with anyone? Why?
8. Eleanor Roosevelt said “Do what you can, where you are, with what you have”. In “Spirit of Love” Coach Mike shares a story about chickens and eagles.
 - Are you content to be a chicken in the barnyard of life, or do you desire to soar like an eagle?
 - Where in your life have you been content to wallow in the pit?
9. “Run the race as you are running it unto the Lord”. Phil.3:14. It also states we are to press on toward the goal.
 - Which characters in “Spirit of Love” did that?
 - How did their perseverance change others?
 - Was their perseverance “faith like a mustard seed” Matt. 17:20?
10. Coach Glenn delivers these words in the last scene of the film, “You can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”. Phil. 4:13. Simple words with a profound meaning.
 - Why is this important to the young all-stars?
 - Why is this important to remember in your everyday life?