

CONVICTED

A Study Guide for Small Groups, Pastors and Ministry Leaders



QUESTIONS to Prompt Discussion:

Do you ever feel like you're stuck in a dead end situation? Maybe it's a job, your family, a relationship? Have you ever felt like you were in some kind of prison?

Have you ever wondered what happens to us when we die?

If you were to think about Hell... what images, sounds, smells come to mind? What kind of people do you think are in Hell?

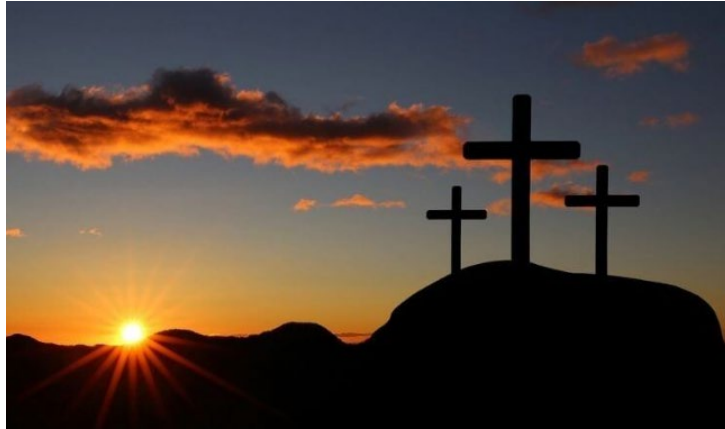
Have you ever wondered what it would be like to actually be in prison, sentenced because you were guilty of a crime? Do you know someone who is in prison?

Watch the short film, **CONVICTED**, as a group.
Ask the following questions afterwards.

- How did you feel about Ernesto? How would you describe his situation? What was his relationship with his father?
- How did you feel about Angelo, the prisoner on his right?
- How did you feel about the Unnamed Prisoner on Ernesto's left? Why did he get so mad after Ernesto prays with Father Joseph?
- Where do you think Ernesto went after he died? Why?
- Have you ever considered your own death?
- Where do you think you would go if you died tomorrow?

Read one of the following passages as a group and discuss how they relate to the characters in CONVICTED.

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| Matthew 20: 1-16 | - The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard |
| Luke 16: 19-31 | - The Rich Man and Lazarus |
| Luke 23: 35-43 | - The Crucifixion of Jesus and Thief on the Cross |
| John 3: 16-21 | - Jesus and The Light of Salvation |



Additional Resources:

[Can I be a Christian without going to church?](#)

[21 Powerful Prayers for Salvation of Family Members](#)

[Church Finder - Find Local Churches - ChurchFinder.com](#)

[Reading the Bible Daily: Making Devotions a Habit](#)

[How To Pray](#)

