

Movie Discussion Guide

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“What if you had a universal remote...that controlled your universe?”

When an overworked and stressed out dad asks for a simple break, his wish is granted in the form of a universal remote control. Although this technology seems to be the answer to his prayers, he soon finds that fast forwarding through the tough times in life leaves him missing a lot of life’s precious moments along the way.



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Programming Suggestions

This discussion guide is designed to facilitate educational programs after viewing the film **CLICK**. Its purpose is to generate discussion based on social issues found within the movie and for program participants to reflect on themes that may be pertinent to them. Therefore, there are no “right” or “wrong” answers to questions in this guide.

The discussion facilitator may choose to utilize one of the following activities as a means of Developing discussion:

- Invite a counselor or faculty member in to talk about stress management and finding balance in life. You may even want to have them discuss healthy eating and how not to use food or other substances as a release for stress.
- Organize a Channel Surfing Scavenger Hunt. Choose teams and find one TV per team and create a list of items for a scavenger hunt. Have each team find each item on the list while channel surfing. Have a judge sign off on each item that is found and switch members after each turn. The first team to complete the search could win a prize.
- Coordinate a remote control car race for your hall. You may want to seek sponsorship from an electronics store and give prizes to the winners.
- Have students draw floor plans for their dream house. Display them on the hall for all to see (and remember not to make fun of them if they have a room made of pizza or pickles).
- Create a bulletin board of quotes about life and taking time to appreciate it.

An important consideration in choosing any facilitation option is that all students have an opportunity to participate. Be aware that many of the topics addressed in the film are not often talked about in public settings. Students who attend the program may have varying degrees of comfort level with the discussion.

ISSUES

FAMILY ISSUES
STRESS MANAGEMENT
CAREER ISSUES

Discussion Questions:

- Do you sometimes feel like a “universal remote” would be helpful to you? When and in what situations?
- Why did Michael Newman feel the pressure of being everything to everyone? Have you ever felt that way? When and by whom?
- Do you know people like Michael Newman? Who are they and what are the similarities?
- What could Michael have done to put his life in better balance?
- In what ways did the universal remote control help Michael? In what ways did it hurt him?
- What sorts of things would you like to “fast forward” through in your life? What would you risk losing? Would it be worth it?
- What times in life would you never think about fast forwarding through?
- Why did the neighbor boy, Kevin O’Doyle, constantly feel the need to brag about his family’s new possessions? How did this make Michael feel?
- What lessons did Michael Newman learn?
- How do you think Michael’s wife felt about Michael’s choosing to focus on his work over his family? What about his kids? What about his parents?
- What are your current priorities in life? What might they be in five years? Ten years? 30 years?
- What in your life is not getting finished like the tree house? Why? What is keeping you from completion of your goal?
- What broke up the marriage between Michael and his wife?
- If you keep working, do you think things will get easier in the future? Why or why not?
- What types of things do we naturally rush through in our daily lives?
- Do you ever feel like you are traveling through life on autopilot?
- Michael used food to deal with his stress? What do you use? Is it a healthy way to cope with stress?
- Michael’s son watches his father and mimics him in many ways. Do you think Michael wants his son to pick up all of his habits? What habits did you pick up from your parents?
- What important lessons can be learned from watching this movie?
- What qualities do you think supervisors take into consideration when choosing who to give a promotion to at work? Was Michael doing all the right things? What made his boss put it off for so long?
- Do you think technology has simplified our lives or made it more complicated? How?
- Do you have any friends like Morty (those who encourage you to do things that are not healthy or beneficial for you)?
- If you were Michael Newman, what would be your biggest regret?
- What is the leprechaun metaphor that Morty speaks of in the movie? How does that metaphor relate to Michael Newman?
- What important lesson does Michael teach his son on his wedding day?