



Movie Night! *The Miracle Box* Discussion Guide

This course involves watching the movie together and then having a brief discussion.

- Movie Run Time: 60 minutes
- Discussion Time: 30 Minutes

Scheduling: Schedule a room with a DVD player and comfortable seating for 1.5 - 2 hours. Bring popcorn!

⇒ Please also schedule a forgiveness course at the same time and encourage movie attendees to attend the forgiveness class if they want to learn more.

To purchase the Movie:

<https://shop.stewardshipmission.com/products/the-miracle-box-dvd> approx \$25

Bulletin Announcement: Join us as we view and discuss the movie *The Miracle Box*. From the producers of "Ocean of Mercy", this film is narrated by Bill Kurtis and features true testimonies of those who have encountered Christ through the Sacrament of Confession. Discover first-hand interviews, insights from confessors and theologians and a visual journey through a powerful mystery of mercy. The movie is one hour followed by a 20-30 minute discussion. Popcorn provided; please register so we know how much to bring!

Structure:

- 1.) Introduction:
 - a.) Tell them you are part of Forgiveness Institute KC, Inc.
 - b.) In our mission to spread the message of forgiveness we wanted to offer this movies night
 - c.) Our mission is to teach people a path toward forgiving past hurts.
 - d.) We will have a forgiveness class starting xxxx if you would like to attend!
- 2.) Play movie in its entirety, tell people that at the conclusion of the movie we'd like them to share something that struck them from the movie.
- 3.) At the end of the movie, ask each person for their "blink"

The Miracle Box

Summary Points to Aid in Discussion

Invitation to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Enemy Has Power In Secrets

But when we bring it into the light, through the Sacrament, it leads to freedom.

Story: Man with multiple addictions

Two Types of Death

Death of the Body

Death of the Soul - Decay of virtue, entombed in passion and wickedness

Story: Forgiveness of Murderer

Their pain will be lifted...

When there is true forgiveness in the heart.

"I absolve you" offers a greater resurrection than Lazerus' resurrection from the dead. .

Confession: the one Sacrament that requires real honesty.

Pope Pius XII's List of Advantages to Frequent Confession:

1. Decreasing Sin in One's Life
2. Correcting Bad Habits
3. Increasing Self Knowledge
4. Purifying One's Conscience
5. Strengthening One's Will
6. Attaining Self Control

"Soul becomes more conformed to Jesus Christ and more submissive to the Holy Spirit."

Sacrament of Reconciliation requires three actions on our part

- 1.) Contrition
- 2.) Confession
- 3.) Satisfaction

It is more than a broken law, it is a broken bond. We have offended the one who has given us everything.

Penance is not a form of punishment, it is a restorative act to open ourselves up to God's grace.

Forgiveness is the crux of the Gospel.

Emotions are great slaves but lousy masters. Family feels the ripple of unforgiveness.

In 2008, Pope Benedict said America needed an encounter with the Holy Spirit through the frequent reception of Confession.

Reconciliation involves the Same Holy Spirit, the Same God, but it is a unique experience for everyone. Trust that you are going to be caught in the hands of love.

We must forgive ourselves for our sins as well.

Jesus says: The sins are mine now, give them to me. You cannot take them back again.

Why can't I just tell God?

We must speak out our littleness, our weakness to another.

This is how God has chosen to work. In John Chapter 20, Jesus established the Sacrament of Confession. We receive Absolution, it is a guarantee, don't presume your sins are forgiven, we KNOW they are forgiven.

Story: Padre Pio reading GI's heart

"The tomb is open, the stone has been rolled away. Don't let Satan tell you a lie.

Story: Project Rachel

The confessional door is the door to the heart of God. The place where we receive grace.

"Getting the House in Order"

Unconfessed mortal sin has eternal consequences. An incredible guest is coming (Christ), we must be prepared on all levels.

If we have mortal sin, we should receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to receiving the Eucharist. It renews our covenant (our exchange of persons). It makes space in the soul for the Lord.

"He goes in thru your heart"

Prodigal Son: this is more about the love of the Father rather than the sins of the son.

- Giving the son a robe = position is restored
- Giving the son a ring = affection, dignity restored, authority
- Giving the son sandals = you are my son, not a servant
- Fatted calf = long awaited return, festival

The father (God) lavishes mercy (unconditional love) upon us as well.

Story: Daphne's loss of eye sight

“No One have I excluded”

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina.

He told her to record conversations to bring “aching mankind to his merciful heart”

Sacrament of Reconciliation is the Tribunal of Mercy

“The greater the misery of a soul, the greater it’s right to My mercy.”

Story: Rudolph Hess, Nazi officer

Jesus said to St. Faustina:

“Before I come as a just judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice.”