



LIFEMISE PRESENTS

A FILM BY NATHAN LINDSEY "OFF SCHOOL PROPERTY: SOLVING THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE" FEATURING GEORGE BARNA AND ALISA CHILDRES AND VISHAL MANGALWADI AND MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE ASSISTED BY DANNY WOODS PRODUCER PHILIP FOX HEAD PASTER AND DRIVING BRANDON FOXE FILM SUPPORT THE BEHOLDERS ADAPTED FROM THE BOOK "DURING SCHOOL HOURS" BY JOEL PENTON

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Off School Property – Discussion Guide

This discussion guide was created as a resource for churches, small groups, and families to help extend the impact of the film *Off School Property*. Each session is designed to walk you through the central themes of the movie and connect them to God’s Word in practical, life-shaping ways.

The guide includes **five sessions** that can be adapted to fit the context that works best for you—whether it’s a Sunday morning class, a midweek discipleship group, or meaningful conversations around your family’s dinner table.

Our prayer is that these sessions will not only deepen your understanding of the film but also inspire you to grow in your walk with Jesus, equip the next generation, and spark conversations that make a difference in your community.

Session 1: Why Does the Bible Matter?

Session 2: Home vs. Culture

Session 3: You Can’t Be Neutral

Session 4: Where Does Your Compass Point?

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Session 1: Why Does the Bible Matter?

Scripture:

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” – 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

Main Idea:

The Bible is not optional—it is essential. God’s Word provides truth, wisdom, and a firm foundation for both personal life and society.

As believers, we survive on the Word of God—it is food and water for our souls and the anchor of our faith. From America’s earliest days, the Bible shaped our laws, inspired our founding documents, and influenced everyday life. John Adams, our 2nd President, said: *“Republican government cannot be maintained without national morality, and the Bible contains the most perfect morality.”*

But decades ago, the Bible was removed from schools, and soon after, American values began to decline. President Ronald Reagan warned: *“If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.”*

Yet today, the Bible still stands as the ultimate guide for spiritual formation and moral clarity—for individuals, families, and nations.

Discussion Questions:

1. How has the Bible personally impacted your life?
2. Why is it important for your family to prioritize the Bible now and for future generations?
3. How have you stayed engaged with Scripture since it was removed from schools?
4. What practical steps can you take to keep God’s Word central in your life today?
5. How can you pray for the next generation to develop a deep love for Scripture?

Prayer:

Ask God for wisdom and courage to live a life centered on His Word. As a group, pray for one another to stand strong in faith and to raise families firmly rooted in the Bible.

Session 2: Home vs. Culture

Scripture:

“But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” – Joshua 24:15 (NIV)

Main Idea:

Families are the front line of discipleship. When culture pulls in one direction and God calls us in another, we must choose where our households will stand.

Parents are the primary spiritual influence in their children’s lives. Deuteronomy 6 reminds us to teach our kids to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, and strength—whether at home, on the road, or at bedtime. This calling is not optional; it is central to family life.

Yet culture constantly competes for our children’s attention. Schools, entertainment, sports, and media all have powerful influence. The question becomes: *who or what will disciple our kids?* If we don’t intentionally disciple them in God’s Word, culture will gladly fill the void.

Discussion Questions:

1. In what ways do you disciple your children at home?
2. Share examples of recent spiritual conversations you’ve had with your kids.
3. What cultural distractions most compete for your family’s spiritual growth?
4. With so many activities available, how do you set priorities that honor God?
5. Have you intentionally talked with your kids about loving God with their whole heart? What happened?

Prayer:

Pray for discernment as parents and families. Ask God to help you identify distractions to cut away, and courage to prioritize discipleship at home. Pray for strength to create a Christ-centered culture within your household.

Session 3: You Can't Be Neutral

Scripture:

"Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters."
– Matthew 12:30 (NIV)

Main Idea:

Neutrality is a myth. Every decision and belief is shaped by a worldview—either rooted in God's truth or in something else.

In our culture, neutrality often looks like silence. We don't want to offend, make waves, or appear "too religious." But Jesus makes it clear: if we are not with Him, we are against Him.

Off School Property reveals the cost of neutrality. When society chose not to resist the removal of the Bible and prayer from schools, we lost the very foundation that once held our education and culture steady. The absence of God's Word left the door wide open for other influences to take its place.

Like a car left in neutral, a life without conviction will drift in whatever direction outside forces push. But when we shift into gear—standing firmly on God's Word—we move with purpose and strength.

Discussion Questions:

1. Where have you been tempted to remain neutral in your faith?
2. Have you ever regretted not standing firm when it mattered most?
3. What issues in today's culture demand that Christians refuse neutrality?
4. How can you practically "shift back into gear" if you've been spiritually neutral?

Prayer:

Ask God for boldness to take a stand where it matters most. Pray for the strength to reject neutrality and live with conviction, both in your personal life and as a witness to others.

Session 4: Where Does Your Compass Point?

Scripture: “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” (Psalm 119:105, NIV)

Main Idea: Every person lives by a compass—a guiding influence that sets our “true north.” The question is: *what is guiding yours?*

In today’s world, our compass can easily be hijacked. News cycles, social media voices, cultural trends, and even subtle daily influences can pull us off course. We are more connected than ever, yet often more confused than ever. Without God’s Word, our compass spins aimlessly.

The psalmist reminds us that God’s Word is not just a book—it is **light for the journey ahead**. Imagine stumbling through a pitch-black hallway without a flashlight. You’d bump into things, fall, and possibly get hurt. But light brings safety, hope, and clarity. In the same way, the Bible illuminates our path and keeps us moving toward God’s best.

Generations before us lost their way when God’s Word was sidelined, and we risk repeating the same mistakes if we fail to pass the light on to the next generation. Our children and grandchildren need the same compass that has guided us—one rooted in God’s Word.

Discussion Questions:

1. What voices or influences tend to speak louder in your life than the Bible?
2. How can you keep Scripture at the center, ensuring it remains your true compass?
3. What steps can we take to pass on this compass to our kids and future generations?

Pray: Ask God to sharpen your ability to recognize competing voices. Pray that His Word would drown out distractions and become the clear lamp and light for your family, your church, and the generations to come.

Session 5: Make a Difference

Scripture: *“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”* (Matthew 5:14–16, NIV)

Main Idea: Following Jesus is never just personal—it’s public. God calls us to shine brightly, to be people of influence and impact. When our lives are anchored in His Word, we don’t just survive—we **make a difference**.

Making a difference doesn’t require a spotlight or a platform. It begins in our everyday lives—with the way we serve, love, and lead in our families, schools, and communities. Maybe it looks like starting a Lifewise Academy in your town, inviting neighbors to see *Off School Property* and sparking conversation, or simply showing kindness to someone who feels forgotten. Big or small, every act of obedience is a beam of light in the darkness.

And here’s the beauty: one light is powerful, but when many lights join together, darkness has no chance. A single flame becomes a blaze when it connects with others. Imagine the impact when churches, families, and businesses unite to shine Christ’s light in their communities!

Discussion Questions:

1. What is God stirring in your heart right now that could make a difference?
2. How could your church, workplace, or organization unite to bring light to your community?
3. What small but intentional ways can you shine Christ’s light in your neighborhood this week?
4. When many lights combine, they shine brighter—how can you partner with others in your church to impact your city?

Pray: Ask God to give you fresh vision for how your life can shine for Him. Pray for boldness to step out, unity with others, and opportunities to bring His Word and His hope into your community.