



## WEEK 5: TOY STORY 4

Welcome to the fifth and final week of the small group guide for the At the Movies series. I hope that each week's discussion has been an opportunity for you and your group to dig deeper into each weekend's sermon and discover what God has for you.

**If you were unable to watch the sermon last weekend**, please make sure you catch the replay on Wednesday at 7 PM at [firstdecalur.org](http://firstdecalur.org).



### START

Before we dive into the deeper conversation this week, please take some time to **share with one another by answering the questions below**.

- Since we are talking about Toy Story this week, start your group time by sharing about one of your favorite toys as a child. What did you love about that toy?
- As Pastor Brian said, in this movie, Woody functions as a mentor to Forky. Share with your group about someone who has been a mentor in your life. What is it about that person that has made such an impact on you?

**Now that you are warmed up, let's dive in.**



### READ PSALM 139:13-16

As Pastor Brian mentioned in the sermon, there is an important truth in this passage: No matter what your background, where you were born, whether you've been cherished or undervalued, you are created in the image of God. In other words, you have incredible value. All too often, we forget who we are, and allow the lies around us and the lies in our minds to dictate how we feel.

- In his sermon, Pastor Brian mentioned that like Woody, there are times we realize that we are not the central character we once were. In other words, there are times we feel we have been replaced. Share with your group about a time you've felt replaced. Then reflect on that experience in light of Psalm 139: 13-16.
- When Woody realized he was no longer the central character in Bonnie's life, he had a choice to make. He could be bitter, or he could exist for a higher purpose. In the moments we feel replaced, what are some practical steps we can take to lean into our higher purpose? How have you done that in your life? Is there a situation in your life right now where you could take the step to see the higher purpose?
- Pastor Brian talked about living our lives for an audience of one. In other words, as Christians, we recognize that our primary purpose is to love and worship God. He is the only audience that truly matters. As you think about this idea, what "audiences" are you tempted to live your life for? What steps would you need to take to live your life for an audience of one?
- Read **Ephesians 1:4-7** together as a group. In this passage, the Apostle Paul wants his audience to understand that if we follow Jesus, our identity is in him. We are his adopted children, and because of his death on a cross, we are abundantly free from the burden of our sin. What does it mean to you to be an adopted child of God? What does this freedom Paul describes mean for you? How should it impact the way you live?



## WATCH THE VIDEO

In the video, Pastor Brian talked about Woody's progression over 25 years. In the first Toy Story movie, Woody was consumed with eliminating his competition, Buzz Lightyear. 25 years later, Woody grew to become a mature mentor who was concerned about helping Forky succeed.

- As you think about this transformation, take a minute to consider how you are different spiritually than you were 25 years ago, or 10 years ago, or 5 years ago. Share with your group about the change that you have experienced.
- Pastor Brian mentioned two passages in the video: **Matthew 22:34-40** and **Romans 12:1-2**. Read both of these passages together as a group. What do these passages teach us about who we are called to be as followers of Jesus?
- Pastor Brian said that the best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago, and the second best time is now. In light of that, what decisions do you need to make today to set yourself up for growth and maturity for 5, 10, or 25 years from now?