

## Discussion Guide for ENCOUNTER2010

Don't worry about whether you ask the "right" questions in the "right" order. You need not ask every question. Try to draw people out with their thoughts ("That is an interesting thought, tell me more what you are thinking."). Do not react to what you consider an erroneous answer. Art will illicit various responses and each can add a dimension to the whole experience. The big idea is to gently move the discussion toward deeper, spiritual conversations by exploring the film's story, their story, your story, and making connections to God's story.

### Discussion Guide for *Ctrl-Z*

What was your initial reaction or first impression? What did you think? How did the film make you feel?

What was your favorite scene?

What was the main character trying to accomplish? What was getting in his or her way?

What was at stake if the main character didn't succeed?

Have you had a similar experience.

What would you do over? (Feel free to say what you'd do over)

What are things you wish you had control over?

How do you deal with stuff you don't have control over?

To which of the characters do you most relate?

What characteristics do you notice in the lives of those who work in the office?

Had you notice any spiritual overtones in this film?

How does this film relate to spiritual issues?

Does God have a role or a "say" in the themes presented in the movie? How so?

In what ways does this film touch on matters of your own faith journey?

Would you mind if I told you how the story of this film relates to my own faith journey?

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### Discussion Guide for *Doll Face*

What was your initial reaction or first impression? What did you think? How did the film make you feel?

What was your favorite scene?

What was the main character trying to accomplish? What was getting in his or her way?

Describe a time when you have had a similar experience.

What are some one word answers about how you feel after viewing this film?

What would it take to have people accept themselves? Others?

How does a person act when they accept who they are and how they are made? Why?

Where does this film hit home the most for you? (tell them where it hits home for you)

Had you notice any spiritual overtones in this film?

How does this film relate to spiritual issues?

Does God have a role or a "say" in the themes presented in the movie? How so?

In what ways does this film touch on matters of your own faith journey?

Would you mind if I told you how the story of this film relates to my own faith journey?

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## Discussion Guide for *Venia*

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What was your favorite scene?

What was the main character trying to accomplish? What was getting in his or her way?

What was at stake if the main character didn't succeed?

Describe a time when you have had a similar experience.

How was the son able to forgive his father?

What would motivate him to do it?

Why does forgiving someone make such a difference in our own lives?

Why does being forgiven make such a difference in our lives?

How easy is it to forgive those who have hurt us deeply?

How does a lack of forgiveness affect a person's life?

What is the first step in forgiving someone?

How will the father be affected by his son's forgiveness?

How will the son's life be changed because he took the initiative to forgive?

Had you notice any spiritual overtones in this film?

How does this film relate to spiritual issues?

Does God have a role or a "say" in the themes presented in the movie? How so?

In what ways does this film touch on matters of your own faith journey?

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## Discussion Guide for *Bricks*

What was your initial reaction or first impression? What did you think? How did the film make you feel?

What was your favorite scene?

What was the main character trying to accomplish? What was getting in his or her way?

What was at stake if the main character didn't succeed?

Describe a time when you have had a similar experience.

Knowing that each brick symbolizes an experience that causes a reaction, what could have given the girl "SHAME" in her life?

Why would "SHAME" weigh a person down?

What are some typical reactions in peoples' lives when they experience loneliness, hatred, rejection, and so on?

What must we do to keep the heavy "Bricks" of life from weighing us down?

When we give our bricks to someone else to carry, how does that make us feel free? Had you notice any spiritual overtones in this film?

How does this film relate to spiritual issues?

Does God have a role or a "say" in the themes presented in the movie? How so?

In what ways does this film touch on matters of your own faith journey?

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