

# Faith through Films

## Fisherman's Friends

*Watch the whole film if you can. If you can't here is the link to a film clip*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONd3AlSfMIs>

### Exploring the theme

Fisherman's Friends tells the story of a group of Cornish fishermen whose sea shanties unexpectedly attract national attention. When music manager Danny arrives from London, he sees a chance to make money. But as he gets to know the fishermen, he discovers that their songs mean far more than fame or success. They carry the stories of their lives, their friendships and their deep sense of belonging.

At its heart, the film invites us to think about what makes a community strong, what gives our lives meaning, and how we learn to see one another differently. It asks what happens when we stop thinking about what people can do for us and start valuing them for who they are.

We often look for meaning in extraordinary experiences, yet some of life's deepest gifts are found in ordinary things: a song, a friendship, a familiar place, or people who stand by one another.

For people of faith, these moments might offer glimpses of the sacred in everyday life. For others, they might simply remind us of the connections that make us human. Either way, the film leaves us with an important question: what if a meaningful life is measured less by what we achieve or own, and more by the relationships we build and the care we show one another?



### Bible reference

*"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"*

**Psalms 133:1**



## Questions

- What makes the fishermen's community so strong? How do they show that they belong to one another?
- How does Danny's view of the fishermen change as he gets to know them? What do you think he learns from them?
- Was there a moment in the film that reminded you of something important in your own life? What was it, and why did it matter to you?
- Communities can bring people together, but they can also find change difficult. How can we hold on to what matters while making room for new people and ideas?
- What does the film make you think about what really matters in life, and the kind of person you want to be?

## Final Reflection

The fishermen remind us that some of life's richest gifts cannot be bought, packaged, or measured. A song that carries a community's story. A friendship that gives us somewhere to belong. People whose worth goes far beyond what they can offer us. Perhaps the sacred is closer than we think, found in ordinary moments, in the care we show one another, and in the unexpected connections that shape our lives. Sometimes the stories that stay with us are not the ones that provide answers, but those that open our eyes to what has been there all along: the value of community, the importance of belonging, and the quiet ways people enrich one another's lives. What if the things that matter most in life have been right in front of us all along?

## Prayer

*God of love and connection,  
Help us to notice the sacred in  
ordinary things, to value  
people beyond what they can  
offer us, and to make room for  
stories different from our own.  
May our communities be  
places of belonging, where  
people are welcomed, heard  
and valued.  
And may we discover, in the  
songs we share and the lives  
we touch, something of the  
love that holds us all together.  
Amen.*

