

BELFAST highlights the impermanence of
and our longing for _____.

This week, we break from our Ruth series to jump back into our REEL GRACE series and explore "Gospel Shadows in Belfast."

BELFAST highlights the call and challenge
to _____ across _____.

BELFAST highlights the brokenness
and beauty of _____.

NEXT STEPS: Take your pick or do both!

Brainstorm and execute one intentional way you can "love across difference" this week.

Brainstorm and execute one intentional way you can invest in and fight for your family this week.

NEXT WEEK: *God's Care for Women* | Ruth 3

REEL GRACE

GOSPEL SHADOWS IN TODAY'S MOVIES

Gospel Shadows in *Belfast*

Various Texts

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Growth Groups are the glue that holds our church together, the way we find and follow Jesus together. If you are not involved in a Growth Group, now is the perfect time to jump in at gracecentralcoast.org/groups

CONNECT *(ask this question to check-in with your group)*

Share a little about what it was like growing up in your hometown. Or if you moved around a lot, what that was like.

DISCUSS *(use some of these questions to process God's Word together)*

1. Did you like or dislike the movie *Belfast*? Why? What other Gospel Shadows did you notice beyond the three talked about in the message? Did you guess the ones covered in the message?

2. Explain the statement, "Loving across difference IS the Gospel". Read Matthew 5:43-48. How challenging is that? Can you share an example of what this might look like?

3. Which was your favorite family scene in *Belfast*? What do we make of the award-winning popularity of *Belfast* given its vibrant celebration of family? Why does this resonate with audiences? Talk about your own experience of the brokenness and beauty of family.

4. Read John 14:1-6 together. What does this text have to do with *Belfast*? What is it about Belfast that the family loves? Is there a place to which you feel a deep connection or longing? Why is the longing for place a Gospel shadow?

PRAY *(use these prompts to pray in response to God's Word)*

- Pray together in light of these three Gospel truths: the call to love across difference, the brokenness and beauty of family, and the impermanence and longing for a place.
- Share and pray for one another's needs.