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**Gospel Shadows in *La La Land***

Matthew 7:24-29

Sunday, September 3, 2017

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*An exploration of La La Land is the finale of our summer series, 2017 Reel Grace: Gospel Shadows in Today's Movies. La La Land points us to the Gospel in some obvious and not so obvious ways . . .*

1. *La La Land* shows the LONGING for love.

4. But . . . *La La Land* isn't REALISTIC ENOUGH . . .

2. *La La Land* shows the SACRIFICE of love.



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***Most Growth Groups are on break for the summer, but fall enrollment will start on September 17. Growth Group questions are provided most weeks during the summer for GraceYouth, household and individual use and discussion.***

### **Grappling with God's Word Together (about 20 - 30 min.)**

1. How did you come under God's Word in the text/message this week? What struck you? How were you challenged/moved? What did you think/feel in response to this text/message?
2. Did you like the movie *La La Land*? Why or why not? How did it make you feel and think?
3. Where in *La La Land* did we see the "longing" for love? Where do we see the "sacrifice" of love? Where do we see the "realism" of love?

4. What are the two characters of *La La Land* building their lives around? Do you see people you know building their lives around these same things? What else do people build their lives around?
5. Read Psalm 18:1-3. Read Matthew 7:24-29. What are these passages telling us and how do they relate to *La La Land*?
6. Did you like or dislike the end of the movie? Why? How is *La La Land* not realistic enough (besides its characters breaking into song unexpectedly in public places)?
7. Do you think you could use *La La Land* to initiate "a conversation that matters" that would lead to a "conversation about the Gospel" with someone you know who might not yet be a Christian? How might you do that?

### **Praying Together (about 20 min.)**

*Pray for a growing ability to use movies and other cultural artifacts to engage people for the Gospel.*