

# REEL GRACE

GOSPEL SHADOWS IN TODAY'S MOVIES

## Gospel Shadows in *Emma*

James 3

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*God has placed eternity in our hearts! One of the things this means is that the stories we tell echo and reflect God's Big Gospel Story in unintentional, unconscious ways. In other words, there are often Gospel shadows in the great stories of our time. This is the starting point for our Reel Grace Summer Teaching Series, and we kick things off this week with some Gospel shadows in the 2020 Jane Austen classic, Emma!*

**Emma shows the destructive power of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Emma shows the double power of \_\_\_\_\_.**

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### NEXT STEPS:

Read Philippians 2:1-11. How does this text relate to the Gospel shadows in *Emma*? How is the humility of Jesus in the Gospel meant to impact us?

**NEXT WEEK: "Ruth" Summer Series Begins**

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**Emma shows the healing power of \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**CONNECT** *(ask these questions to check-in with your group)*

Did you personally like the movie, Emma? What did you like? What did you dislike? Did you notice the music, the set-building, the colors? Who was your favorite character, and who was your least favorite character?

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

1. Read James 3:1-13 together again as a group. How did you "come under" God's Word and the message this week? How does this text connect with Emma?
2. What does Emma's pride look like? What does your pride look like?
3. Where does James 3 speak of the "double power" of words? How do we see the double power of words in Emma? Give a recent life example where you've seen the power of words, either positive or negative.

4. What is the trigger for Emma's humble repentance? What does her repentance heal?

5. Why is repentance like we see in Emma so hard? Why is it critical for Gospel acceptance and Gospel change?

6. Take the next step together: Read Philippians 2:1-11. How does this text relate to the Gospel shadows in Emma? How is the humility of Jesus in the Gospel meant to impact us?

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

- Use James 3:1-13 and Philippians 2:1-11 as springboards for your prayers together. Let the humility of Jesus humble you before Him and others.
- Share and pray for one another's needs.