

3. **Little Women illustrates that life is found not in \_\_\_\_\_, but in \_\_\_\_\_ our lives to others.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ is a strong picture of \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ throughout the story.
- Jo is able to finally write her book only when she stops writing to be \_\_\_\_\_ and starts writing for \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jo's dreams of becoming a \_\_\_\_\_ are replaced by a desire to start a \_\_\_\_\_ for kids and in that she finds \_\_\_\_\_.

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We wrap up our Reel Grace 2020 series today with an exploration of a delightful adaption of Louisa May Alcott's classic "Little Women." And, not surprisingly, *Little Women* points us to the Gospel in some surprising and thought-provoking ways . . .

**1. Little Women celebrates \_\_\_\_\_, with all its joys and struggles.**

- This story \_\_\_\_\_ the family.
- Each girl has their own personality, dreams, and ambitions, but they are \_\_\_\_\_ in their \_\_\_\_\_ for one another.
- We see a family \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. Little Women highlights the need and challenge of**

\_\_\_\_\_.

- Every character in this story is \_\_\_\_\_ and most are striving to \_\_\_\_\_.
- We see the struggle to change most acutely in Jo as she faces her \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ toward Amy.

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**NEXT WEEK:**

**Anchored: Holding On to What Really Matters**

*Anchored to Christ | Ephesians 1*

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 time to jump in at [gracecentralcoast.org](http://gracecentralcoast.org).

This year, our aim is to see our Growth Groups embody our 3-fold identity as followers of Jesus: Family, Servant, and Missionary. To that end, we're framing our Growth Group Interaction Guide to help groups move in that direction.

During the COVID-19 crisis our groups are meeting live and virtually using Zoom and other online platforms.

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

Did you have a chance to see *Little Women*? Did you like it? Who was your favorite character and why? What was your favorite scene in the movie and why?

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

1. How did you "come under" God's Word in the text and message this week? How did God speak to you or challenge you?
2. In a day and age when the family is so often attacked or degraded, *Little Women* celebrates the family. How does the story/movie do this? How is the family portrayed? Is it perfect?
3. How are each of the four March girls broken and how are they striving to change? Is it hard or easy? Why is this a "Gospel shadow?"

4. Read Philippians 2:1-11 together. How does this text connect to *Little Women*? What does Jo give up? What does she gain? Where have you found your life in losing it?
5. Has our Reel Grace series caused you to watch and experience other stories (movies and books) differently? Share another story where you've seen some Gospel shadows.

**PRAY** *(use these prompts to start your prayer time together)*

- Pray for the elimination of Covid-19 and those suffering because of it.
- Pray for a living out of Philippians 2:1-11 together in your nuclear families and together in our church family.
- Share needs and pray for one another and your families. Share and pray for one another's needs.

**WRITE** *(use this space to write notes, prayer requests, etc.)*

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