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Although watching movies with friends and neighbors is great, it's even better when you can use the movies as springboards into gospel conversations.

In fact, we've discovered that people are often more willing to be vulnerable and have conversations about faith after viewing this film. Therefore, **after the *Watch Party* we encourage you to stay online and have an *After-Party* hangout time** to discuss the movie you just saw together. The following easy, detailed instructions will show you how.



Tips for Hosting a Virtual Movie Event

- In order to have more personal and constructive conversations, we advise that you limit the number of people you invite to the *Watch Party Movie Event* – perhaps around 15-20 people (expecting 5-10 could attend). **WatchParty.me** states that there can be unlimited participants, but they've only tested up to 15 viewers.
- You can host a *Watch Party* several times with different groups of people. We recommend selecting groups of specific people that you think will get along, enabling you to focus on creating closer relationships with them, and hopefully with each other too.
- To set up the *Watch Party*, see the [“How to Set Up a *Watch Party*” info below](#).
- **3-4 days ahead of your *Watch Party Movie Event*:**
 - Send a direct message or email to each person you're inviting.
(See [“*Watch Party* Sample Invitations” below](#).)

- **The day of the *Watch Party Movie Event*:**
 - Send a direct message or email reminder to each guest you've invited. (See [“Watch Party Sample Invitations”](#) below.)
 - When friends reply that they will be joining your *Watch Party*, we recommend letting them know that WatchParty.me works best if they watch the movie via Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Firefox and on a laptop or desktop computer rather than mobile phone or iPad, if possible.
- **15 minutes before the *Watch Party Movie Event*:**
 - Log on to your *Watch Party*. (Details for how to set up the movie are found below in [“How to Set up a Watch Party”](#).)
 - Send one final direct message or email to each guest with the *Watch Party* movie link. (Found in [“How to Set up a Watch Party”](#).)
 - Welcome each of your guests in the text chat as they join: ***Hi friends! Welcome! “The Kingdom” Watch Party will be starting in just a few minutes!***
- **At the start of the movie:**
 - Once all your guests have arrived, before you start the movie, remind your guests about the *After-Party* in the chat: ***Please join me after the movie for the After-Party discussion. I look forward to talking with you about the movie and sharing some fun facts about the film!***
 - Push the **Play** button to start the movie.
- **During the movie**, there are points that have fun behind-the-scenes facts that you can allude to in the chat. Then share those fun facts later during the *After-Party*. (Read more about this in the [“Behind-The-Scenes Miracle Stories & Fun Facts”](#) section below.)
- **At the end of the movie**, type a message in the chat window encouraging your guests to stay and talk about the movie together.
- To prepare for your *After-Party*, see [“4 Helpful Tools to Lead Your After-Party Conversation”](#) below and choose the tools that are most helpful to you.

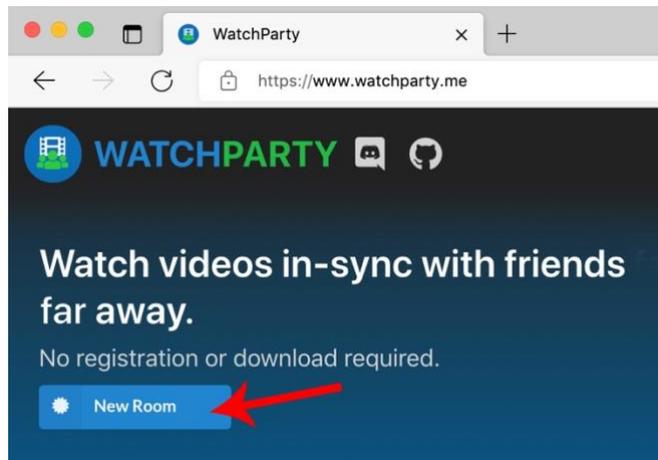


How to Set Up and Use *WatchParty.me*

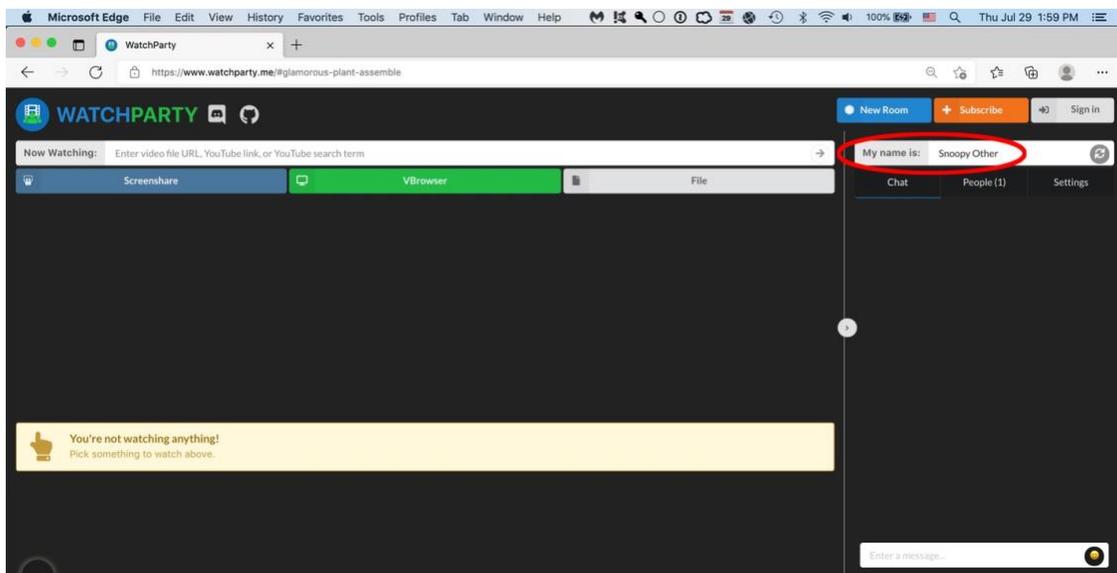
Hosting a *Watch Party* is an easy way for you to watch movies with all of your friends and build relationships with them! The following easy, detailed instructions will show you how ...

1. A few weeks or a few days before your *Watch Party Movie Event*, go to the secure site: <https://www.watchparty.me/>

It's free to use **Watch Party** but there are some very helpful advantages to paying \$5 for a one-month subscription (renewable, if desired), such as viewing the movie in higher quality. You can easily create a Watch Party account by signing in using your Facebook, Google or email account. Once you've registered it's easy to pay. NOTE: the people you invite do not have to register or pay to watch a video with you.



2. Click on the blue **New Room** button. A new empty web page will be displayed:

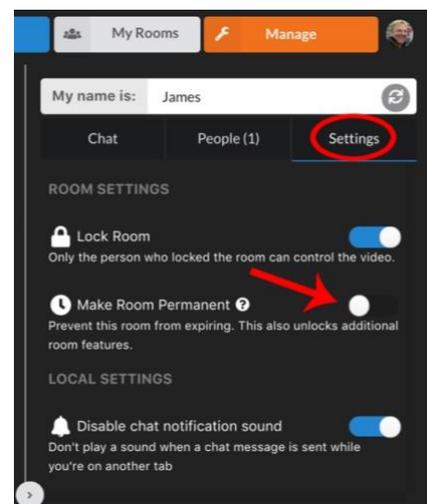


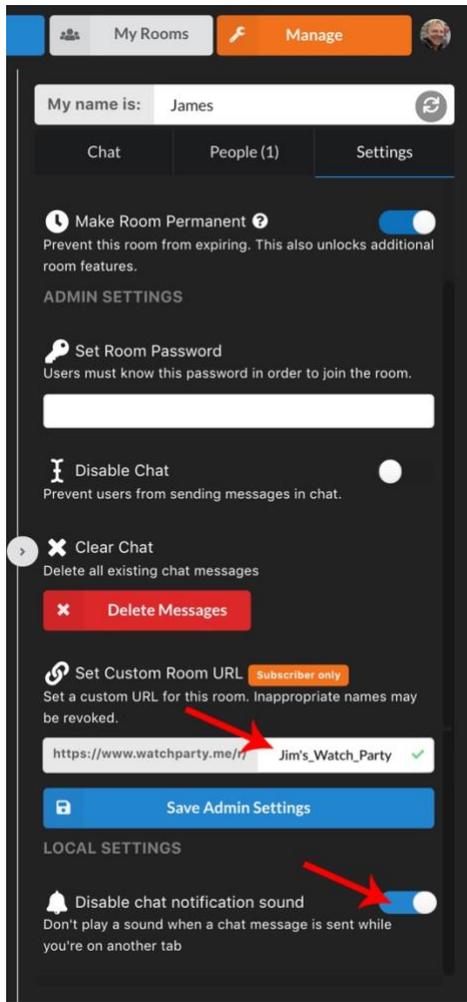
By default, Watch Party gives you a random, fictitious name (i.e, *Snoopy Other*). You'll want to change it to your real name in the “**My name is**” field, so people will recognize that it's you.

3. Click on the **Settings** tab to make the following changes:

a.) as a paying subscriber you can **Lock the Room**, which means *only you* can start and stop the movie. “Locking the Room” — doesn't lock people out from being invited or attending the Watch Party.

b.) as a paying subscriber you can **Make Room Permanent** which means that the “room” is available for longer than only 24 hours. You will have the room for the whole month of your paid subscription, or longer if you renew your subscription. (You're not limited to just one room, but you can have multiple rooms that are “permanent”.) Also, by activating “Make Room Permanent,” it enables several additional features:





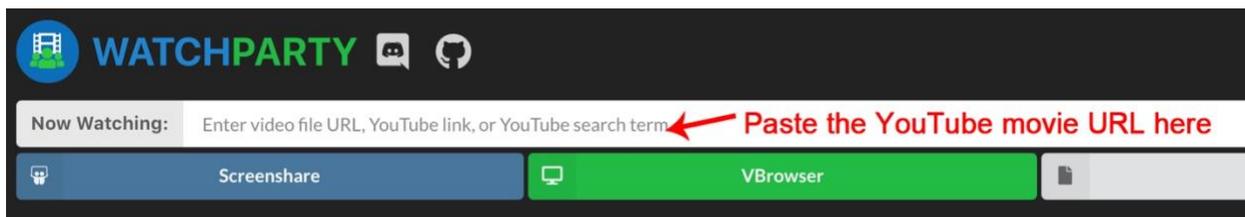
c.) as a paying subscriber you can “**Set Room Password**” and give it to your invited guests (if this is important to you). Generally, this is unnecessary and it’s a much easier process for people to join you when the room is not password protected.

d.) a paying subscriber has the ability to “**Disable Chat.**” Do not do this. This makes the chat column unusable for you. We recommend that you use the Text Chat to give little messages throughout the movie to encourage the viewer to stay online for the *After-Party*, where you can tell some Behind-the-Scenes stories, use the Movie Discussion Questions, and engage your attendees in spiritual conversations.

e.) a paying subscriber can set a **Custom Room URL** (website link). This is very important. It means you can edit the Watch Party URL address from the random name they give it (i.e., *#glamorous-plant-assemble*) to something more fitting and unique like: *Jim's_Watch_Party*. You can make this custom name of your room as long or short as you want, using no spaces. If your custom name is usable, you’ll see a green check mark. ✓ Then click the blue **Save Admin Settings** bar.

f.) Also in Settings, you can **Disable Chat Notification Sounds** so you don’t hear a chime each time a text is posted during the movie (while you’re in another tab).

4. Next, select the movie language you want to show from the list of choices found at the end of these directions and copy the corresponding [YouTube movie link](#) (URL).



5. To complete setting up your Watch Party, paste the movie URL in the “**Now Watching**” field in the Watch Party website, so it’s prepared in advance for your movie showing. NOTE: Once you paste the URL into the field, the movie will immediately start to play. So be prepared to quickly pause the film at the first second or two of the movie (the pause button is in the lower left corner). If you’ve got a paid subscription, the movie will now stay paused indefinitely until you come back to the website, log in and go to **My Rooms** and load the saved room, even days or weeks later. To start the movie when you’re ready, just click the play button on the lower left.

6. Your Watch Party Room is now all set up! If you've paid the \$5 subscription fee, your room will be saved in the **My Rooms**. So, you can prepare multiple rooms for difference audiences.



Before leaving the Watch Party website, copy and save the Custom Watch Party URL (website link) that you have created, (such as **https://watchparty.me/r/Jim's_Watch_Party**) so that you can include this link in your invitation for your attendees.



7. Decide on a time for your *Watch Party* and invite your friends. (See *Watch Party Sample Invitations* below.)

8. **On the day of your Watch Party Movie Event** when people arrive, greet them on the **Text Chat**. If anyone goes to the “**People**” tab and joins the **Video Chat**, you'll hear their room sounds and voice. Encourage them to leave the **Video Chat** and just use the **Text Chat** while the movie is playing. This will avoid the movie audio from being captured by their Video Chat mic, which would create distracting feedback.

9. **If someone comes in late**, they can try to sync to the host's timing by clicking the bottom left sync arrows <<. If that doesn't work, the host will need to briefly pause the movie. When the host clicks Play again, the new person should be synced to the current location in the movie.

10. **During the movie**, there are points that have fun behind-the-scenes facts that you can allude to in the chat. Then share those fun facts later during the *After-Party*. (*Read more about this in the “[Behind-The-Scenes Miracle Stories & Fun Facts](#)” section below.*)

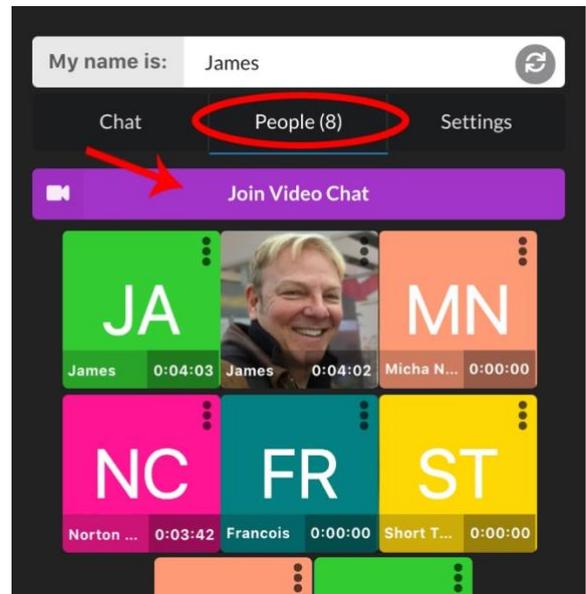
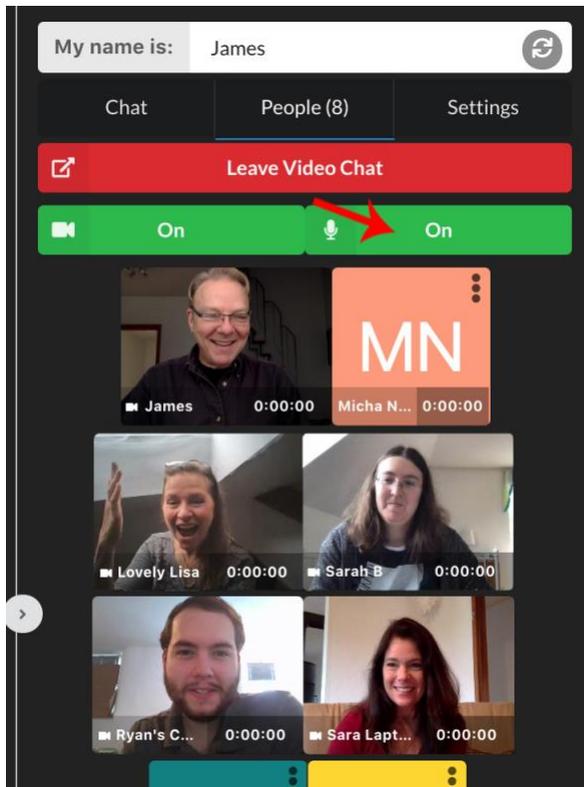
11. If there are guests who are constantly texting distracting messages, feel free to ask them to wait until the *After Party* to share their thoughts. If they are unkind, obnoxious or rude, as the host you can remove them from the Watch Party by clicking on the **People** tab and finding their icon in the list. Click on the three dots  in the upper right of their icon. You will then have the ability to remove them from your Watch Party by clicking on the word **Kick**.



12. During the closing movie credits, paste this in the Text Chat:

“I hope you enjoyed the movie as much as I did! Please stay online for the After-Party. I look forward to talking with you about the movie and sharing some exciting, fun facts about the film!”

Then click on the **People** tab and then click on the purple **Join Video Chat** bar to activate your camera and audio to host the *After-Party*.



Now you can greet your guests with an audio greeting and ask them to click on the **People** tab to join the *After-Party* to discuss the movie and hear some fun behind-the-scenes stories!

If it gets too noisy during the *After-Party*, you can encourage people to click on the green Mic button to mute their mics until they want to talk.

The Kingdom Movie Links

Select and copy a movie language link that you'd like to share!

Albanian - <https://youtu.be/FjtMK6W-stA>
Arabic - <https://youtu.be/2V-3nGvJKi4>
Bahasa Indonesian - <https://youtu.be/R5IJyQgyUAQ>
Brazilian Portuguese - <https://youtu.be/vjzB8Vf0fy4>
Bulgarian - <https://youtu.be/eAZrkcD7mno>
Chinese - <https://youtu.be/fu0kq28yofY>
Dutch - https://youtu.be/pXme_BRPu7I
English - <https://youtu.be/yaRPsJPeeXk>
Farsi - https://youtu.be/JcbWmju_JTo

French - <https://youtu.be/0FbFiWin9T8>
German - <https://youtu.be/ZfivxiIv57w>
Greek - <https://youtu.be/KzhdhLEMUzo>
Italian - https://youtu.be/YD_4EUeMo0o
Romanian - <https://youtu.be/-EF7GEyGqVw>
Russian - <https://youtu.be/RM3QkXlJpxU>
Spanish - <https://youtu.be/au3mxJxu6y8>
Turkish - https://youtu.be/rxG_ufWfSJ4
Vietnamese - <https://youtu.be/qQwMqFCrRZw>



Watch Party Sample Invitations

Ready to lead a *Watch Party*? Now it's time to invite people!

Inviting people to your *Watch Party Movie Event* is so easy! We've provided some pre-scripted invitation suggestions below. All you have to do is copy and paste them into a text or email, filling in the specific time and date details for your *Watch Party Movie Event*. We recommend that you write each person to invite them personally.

Use this first template **3-4 days before** the day of your *Watch Party*:

"Hey *[insert friend's name]*! Some friends of mine produced this movie, "The Kingdom." I was really inspired by the story so I want to share it with you! I've decided to host a *Watch Party* this *[insert date and time of Watch Party]*. I think you'll enjoy the movie! This will be a fun way to get together even though we can't be in person right now. Here's a link to the movie trailer! *[insert trailer link to desired trailer from the list below]* After the movie, we can stay online and talk about it together. I'll share some fun behind-the-scenes stories about the film too. I really hope you can join me on *[insert date again]*!"

We recommend using this template to send another text or email **on the day** of your *Watch Party*:

"Hey *[insert friend's name]*! Today at *[time of showing plus time zone reference]* I'll be showing the award-winning movie "The Kingdom" on WatchParty.me at this link *[insert link from "[How to Set up a Watch Party](#)" found above]*. "The Kingdom" is an 82-minute film set in the vineyards of Kosovo and beaches of Montenegro and has won 24 film festival awards internationally. It's a family story that offers a shining example of steadfast love that restores trust and instills hope for a better life. Here is a link to the movie trailer! *[insert link from below]* See you at *[insert time of Watch Party]*!"

THE KINGDOM IS WINNER OF 24 FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS



The Kingdom Film Trailers

You can send a two-minute Film Trailer link in your email invitation as a teaser to encourage people to attend your *Watch Party!* Select and copy the language link you want to share.

Albanian - <https://vimeo.com/323056130>

Arabic - <https://vimeo.com/508764260>

Bahasa Indonesian - <https://vimeo.com/397968844>

Brazilian Portuguese - <https://vimeo.com/418417182>

Bulgarian - <https://vimeo.com/293531992>

Chinese - <https://vimeo.com/623275073>

Dutch - <https://vimeo.com/293531310>

English - <https://vimeo.com/227134552>

Farsi - <https://vimeo.com/323055945>

French - <https://vimeo.com/623297948>

German - <https://vimeo.com/232358785>

Greek - <https://vimeo.com/293529044>

Italian - <https://vimeo.com/293527512>

Romanian - <https://vimeo.com/336358027>

Russian - <https://vimeo.com/432800881>

Spanish - <https://vimeo.com/623288681>

Turkish - <https://vimeo.com/417728011>

Vietnamese - <https://vimeo.com/510272961>



4 Helpful Tools to Lead Your After-Party Conversation

Leading a conversation towards the gospel may be a little scary and challenging for some, so we've made it as non-intimidating as possible by preparing four helpful tools for talking with your friends after viewing *The Kingdom* movie:

- How the Movie Relates to God
- 10 Movie Discussion Questions
- Behind-The-Scenes Miracle Stories & Fun Facts
- How to Lead Someone to Faith in Jesus



How The Kingdom Movie Relates to God

“The Kingdom” film was inspired by the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32. Similar to the Bible parable, the younger son Fatmir in the movie “The Kingdom” asks his father for his inheritance and then quickly leaves his responsibilities to go and live a wealthy and sin-filled lifestyle. Fatmir chooses to abandon the love and identity that he had at his father’s home and instead looks for fulfillment and a new identity from the world.

This is a common temptation for all humanity, to trust in what we think is best and in what the world has to offer, rather than trusting in the promises of God through faith. 1 John 2:15-16 says, “Do not love the world or the things in the world... For all that is in the world – the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions – is not from the Father but is from the world.” Unfortunately, Fatmir learns the hard way that the world is corrupt and only has betrayal and pain to offer that can’t fulfill him or satisfy his need for acceptance and love.

Thankfully, Fatmir comes to his senses and realizes that he doesn’t need to try and fix all of his problems on his own. He takes the humble position of a servant and decides to ask his father for help and forgiveness. It took a lot of courage and humility for Fatmir to return to his father, just like it takes a lot of courage and humility for us to turn to God, because the world wants us to feel ashamed and unworthy to receive God’s love.

However, just like the father in this movie eagerly waits for his son to return, God is eagerly waiting for each of us to turn to him. In fact, the parable says in Luke 15:20 that “while [the son] was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.” This is true about God today, that while we were still far from Him because of our sin and it was impossible for us to get to God on our own, He sent Jesus into the world to bridge the gap between us and heaven.

When we return to God, He is full of compassion, love and mercy. Rather than punishing us by making us His lowly servants, He calls us His beloved children and grants us all of the inheritance of his riches that comes with being a child in His royal kingdom. Fatmir is forgiven and restored to his rightful place in his father’s house, just like you and I can be forgiven and redeemed to have life with God, both now for all eternity.



10 Movie Discussion Questions

These questions were carefully crafted to soften people's hearts to help them see how the love of God is represented in the film – and to show them that God can transform their lives, too.

As you look through these suggested questions below, depending on how much time you expect to have to lead a conversation after viewing the movie, you may want to **select 5 or 6** of the best questions that you think will be most impactful to your audience.

Note: To see the complete list of questions from “The Kingdom” Movie Discussion Guide and to access them in other languages, go to www.theKingdomFilm.com, **select your desired language** (which will take you to that language page), then download the Movie Event Package to access the discussion guide.

Finding identity

- At the point when Fatmir asks for his inheritance, what is most important to the father?

What is life about?

- What do the two brothers each think a successful life is?

Money, money, fun, fun...

- Why is Fatmir, who had been given a comfortable life, still searching for something different?

Everything is not what it seems to be

- Why are relationships that are built on the foundation of “buying friendship” not genuine?

A total turn around

- Fatmir wanted to return to his childhood home because he realized that life was better when he could turn to his father. Who do you turn to when you feel lost and alone?

Priceless relationship

- Why did Fatmir hesitate to return home?

The father's faithful heart

- How would you describe the love that the father had for Fatmir?

The best reward that's worth celebrating!

- Fatmir admitted that he made a mistake. What does that say about his heart and character?
- Inspired by the film, is there something in your life that needs to change? If yes, what?

A personal invitation

- God, our Heavenly Father desires a genuine relationship with us and He has a forgiving heart. What does that mean for you in your life?

Suggestion: Share your personal testimony. What areas in your life has God met you in ways that relate to the film? (See also the [“How to Lead Someone to Faith in Jesus”](#) section below.)



“Mbretëria - The Kingdom” Behind-the-Scenes Stories & Fun Facts

(Note: Mbretëria means “The Kingdom” in Albanian, the original language that the actors speak in the movie.)

Everybody enjoys hearing stories about how a movie was made. We have these fun facts to share with you that can make your discussion fun. Pick out the ones that you would like to share.

During the movie, you can type a short note in the chat about the behind-the-scenes stories that you can share in the *After-Party*. You can post the **green phrases below** in the *Watch Party* Chat during the film to make the movie showing more interactive and draw people to your *After-Party*!

The **red timings** next to the green phrases are the timecodes that show you when to post the phrases in the chat. The timings are based on the points where each behind-the-scenes story relates to the filming of the movie.

Note: The stories are in chronological order, but during the *After-Party* feel free to share them in whatever order works best for your discussion.

10 seconds into the movie:

After the Watch Party there will be a 30-45 minute *After-Party* so we can hang out and talk about the movie.

6:45 Find out during the *After-Party* why this movie was filmed in Kosovo.

Why was this movie made in Kosovo (a part of the former Yugoslavia)?

GemStone Media wanted to create a movie that would speak about relationships and model forgiveness in really hard situations, to help the people who had been through a terrible war there in the late 1990s.

11:25 I'll be sharing at the *After-Party* how these movie locations were found!

How was the decision made to film in the vineyards of Kosovo and the beaches of Montenegro?

While in Kosovo scouting out possibilities for filming, GemStone Media met the man Artan who ended up being the older son in the movie. At the time he was an actor on a Sunday night TV detective show. He had been really impacted by reading the prodigal son story in the Bible seven years earlier and at that time he began thinking about how this story could be retold in his culture – to make the family in the movie winery owners and have an artist lure the younger son away to a beautiful beach location. Those ideas became the basis for “The Kingdom” movie script.

22:08 I'm looking forward to telling you how they got to film in this hotel!

How did GemStone Media get to film in two different hotels for free for 4 days?

The film team needed to film in a nice, spacious hotel in the capital of Kosovo. They were introduced to the owner of the largest hotel in the city that had room suites costing €500/night. Over coffee, they told him the story of the prodigal son (the self-centered brothers who don't get along and the father's generosity and heart of forgiveness). The hotel owner started to become emotional and tear up. He said to them, "You've described my sons... Kosovo's young people need to see this story. You can film anywhere in my hotel for as long as you need to, free of charge!"

25:09 Can't wait to tell you the fun story of how they got this amazing car!

What's the story behind the younger son's interesting yellow car in the movie?

During pre-production, heading out of the capital city to look at some paintings to use in the movie, the movie producer felt prompted by God to keep her eye out for a convertible that the younger son actor could "buy" in the movie. Five minutes later, they drove past a car rental lot and there was the yellow Chrysler Prowler car (very unusual for Kosovo)! Stopping to share the movie storyline and ask to use the car in the movie, the owner quickly said yes, that we could use the car for free. His co-worker was shocked that he wasn't charging us to rent the car, but the owner was simply excited to have his car in the movie and was really pleased to be asked to be in the movie as the car salesman!

(Fun fact: since the Montenegro beach hotel was 6 hours away from the car rental location, the car was Photoshopped into the scene where Fatmir gets out of the car at the beach hotel and looks back at it as he's walking.)

27:10 There's a great story I'll share with you later about filming at this hotel.

How did the team find the impressive looking beach resort?

For the Montenegro hotel, the film team searched on Google Maps for a beach town and found Budva, which has a medieval, walled old town on the Mediterranean coast. They found a hotel with its own private beach and in exchange for providing drone footage and photographs of the hotel, they were able to film in a €500/night hotel room and on the hotel's private beach for 3 days without cost!

(Fun fact: The interiors of the Kosovo and Montenegro hotel rooms are switched in the movie – the larger two-bedroom Kosovo hotel suite became the interior for the beach location and the fancier Montenegro hotel room became the room the prodigal son stayed in while visiting the artist and his gallery in Kosovo's capital city.)

32:50 There's a great story about filming at this location that I'll share with you afterwards.

How did the team experience miraculous weather as they filmed?

GemStone Media had to let the Budva, Montenegro hotel know weeks beforehand which specific day they would film the actors on the hotel's private beach, not knowing what the weather would be. As the day got closer, that beach-filming day was the only day that week that rain was forecasted. The film director & producer prayed for God to hold back the rain - and when they got to the beach, it was sunny! Before starting to film, they had to go back about 2 kilometers (1 mile) to where they were staying to pick up some remaining equipment and it was raining there, but as

they drove back towards the beach; they saw a perfect vertical line in the sky of dark grey skies to the left and blue skies and white clouds to the right over the beach! God was holding the bad weather back for them! Later as they filmed the drone shot of the hotel from the beach, the dark, ominous clouds behind the hotel worked perfectly during the point in the movie when the younger son woke up to find the artist and girls had left him and taken everything.

53:18 Find out after the movie how the filmmakers were able to film at this winery!

How was filming at the Stone Castle winery location possible?

Based on the older son character Artan's suggestion to film in a vineyard, GemStone Media went on a pre-production location scouting trip an hour outside of the capital city of Kosovo into the wine region of the country. They felt particularly drawn to one vineyard and ended up speaking to the general manager of Stone Castle, which turned out to be the largest winery in Kosovo. This manager amazingly also knew the prodigal son story and wanted young people in Kosovo to be able to hear this important theme about making the right choices in life. When GemStone Media asked him about money (wondering how much this would cost them), he paused and replied that they could only give 1,000 Euros towards the cost of making the movie. So, they invested in the movie instead of asking to be paid and they opened the door wide for filming to take place in the vineyards and the winery completely unhindered, even stopping their workers for 3 days so several of the indoor scenes could be filmed!

1:06:00 There's a great story about this house that I'll share with you afterwards!

How did the film team find the interesting, round family house?

After selecting Asllan, the father actor for the movie, he offered to help GemStone Media find a house suitable for filming and suggested his next-door neighbor's house. His neighbor had previously told a "most-beautiful homes" TV show and a famous singer who wanted to shoot a music video that they couldn't film in his house because it would be too inconvenient. But because his neighbor Asllan asked to film there, he said, "Sure, I can't say no to a neighbor because I have to keep up good neighborly relations!" He even allowed his house to be filmed for free! (Fun fact #1: When the film team saw that there was a swimming pool in the basement, they rewrote the script to have the younger son sneak out past the pool at night. Fun fact #2: the younger son actor had never driven before, so it was quite a feat to have him drive a manual car up the steep driveway on the house property!)

1:14:50 The budget for this movie was pretty amazing. I'll tell you about it in a few minutes!

Did it cost a lot of money to film "The Kingdom"?

Filming an hour and 20-minute movie in 3 countries over 7 weeks with 22 actors should have cost a lot, but GemStone Media experienced God providing everything above and beyond their expectations! Over and over again people on location shared their excitement about this movie's story and wanted to provide for little or no cost whatever was needed to make the movie. In the end, including 5 trips to Kosovo, filming in three countries, paying all the actors, etc, the whole movie cost only US\$40,000!

1:19:45 Join me now for the *After-Party!* Click on the **People** tab on the right side of your screen. See you in a minute!

Two Final Fun Facts:

How did GemStone Media get their film crew?

It was so encouraging for the film team to see how God miraculously brought everyone together for this movie. For example, they thought they had everyone they needed, but unexpectedly a cameraman had to cancel his involvement at the last minute. Yet just before the producers heard this news, they had learned of someone else who was eager to be involved if there was a place for him. So, God had provided this new person even before they knew they needed him! Also, a South African man was going to come to be the Assistant Director, but he wasn't able to get a work visa. Right then the team learned that a very capable Kosovo couple who would normally not be available in the month of June (which was the month when the majority of the film was shot), suddenly had their schedule open up. They were invaluable in planning and organizing with locations and the actors in the Albanian language and making all kinds of great connections for the filming!

The Meanings Behind the Movie Character Names:

The Albanian characters' names in the movie have significant meanings that represent who they are as people in the story:

<i>Fatmir</i> = Good Luck	(younger brother)
<i>Dardan</i> = Trojan	(older brother)
<i>Bekim</i> = Blessing	(father)
<i>Besa</i> = Faithful	(mother)
<i>Leka i Madh</i> = Alexander the Great	(artist)





Simple Steps to Leading Someone to Faith in Jesus

If you want to have the joy of leading a person to faith in Jesus, you need to know a few basic truths. These truths can be stated in different ways, but they essentially follow these points:

- 1. God loves you! He has lovingly created you and desires to have a relationship with you.**
 - 1 John 4:16 “And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. ... God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.”
- 2. We all live our lives separated from God. We have all messed up.**
 - Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”
- 3. God took the initiative again to restore the broken relationship between us and Him by sending Jesus to die on the cross for us.**
 - John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only son that however believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”
- 4. Salvation is personal and requires a personal response. The big question is what are you going to do about it? Are you ready to accept His sacrifice on the cross? Will you follow Jesus?**
 - Romans 10:9 “If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”
 - John 1:12 “Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”

Your Personal Testimony

It's helpful to be prepared to share your own personal testimony of how you came to faith in Jesus. It can be inspiring for someone who is searching for meaningful answers to life to hear how God has led you into a personal relationship with Jesus. Sharing the circumstances of *why* you were looking for the Truth can also help others identify with your story. And sharing *what God has done* in your life and *how He has changed you* since you've trusted Jesus as your Lord and Savior is also encouraging to see the power of God's love in action in your life.



Hosting-an-Event Prayer Guide

Before you go out and invite anyone, take some time to pray about the inviting process. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to invite the people He is preparing, and to empower you with courage during the inviting process.

“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.”
Proverbs 16:3

“For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.” *Romans 1:16*

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”
2 Timothy 1:7

“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” *1 Corinthians 15:58*

“So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the LORD your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you.”
Deuteronomy 31:6

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God” *Philippians 4:6*

“If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you.
He will not rebuke you for asking” *James 1:5*

“Now get to your feet! For I have appeared to you to appoint you as my servant and witness. Tell people that you have seen me, and tell them what I will show you in the future. And I will rescue you from both your own people and the Gentiles. Yes, I am sending you to the Gentiles to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God’s people, who are set apart by faith in me.” *Acts 26:16-18*

Prayer Points:

Before inviting:

- Who does God want me to invite?
- Ask him to lead you to people who are already seeking him and have a desire to know him more.
- Pray for opportunities to reach these people and have conversations with them.
- Pray that these people will appreciate the invitation and be interested in attending.
- Pray that they will be available on the date you have selected for the movie night.
- Pray for courage and boldness for yourself. God does not give us a spirit of fear, but of courage.
- Ask the Spirit to speak through you and guide you in this process.

Sending out the invites:

- Pray for God's blessing to be on each person you invite.
- Pray that they will not be distracted when they receive your invite, but that they will be able to give it their full attention.
- Pray for quick responses and that the people will say yes to coming!

After inviting:

- Pray that God will work in the hearts to convict the people that this is an event they need to attend.
- Pray that their schedule will remain open and that they will be free to attend your event.
- Pray that they can finish all of their work projects or schoolwork so that they have nothing distracting them or preventing them from attending.
- Pray for their health, especially on the day of the event.
- Pray that they will think of friends to invite who would also enjoy the story and are eager to learn more about God.
- Pray that God will prepare their hearts for the message of his love.

Day of the event:

- Pray that everyone will be eager to attend, full of excitement and anticipation for a fun night with friends.
- Pray against distractions that could keep them from joining.
- Pray against any uneasiness or nervousness they may feel about participating.
- Pray that God will soften their hearts and open their ears and eyes to be able to receive the message that is told in the film.
- Pray for vulnerability and openness in the group. That the guests may feel comfortable attending and admitting their need for a savior.
- Pray that the people may see God's presence in your life, that God will fill you and shine through you during the event. That the guests may recognize God's impact in your life and desire the same change in their own life.
- Pray that they may be encouraged by the story and desire to know the love of God and desire to have a relationship with him.
- Pray against any feelings of condemnation, guilt or shame. Rather, pray that the guests may open themselves to the forgiving grace and mercy of our God.

After the event:

- Pray that God will use the movie to continue to speak to people's hearts in the following days after watching the movie.
- Pray that the conversations you had with people will bear fruit and be used by God to draw them to Him.
- Pray that they will share with others the truths that they learned.
- Pray for God to send them other Christians to talk to them more about Jesus.
- Pray for other opportunities to get to talk with these friends about God again in the future.

May God go before you!

We're excited to offer you these fun and easy-to-share movies as a helpful way to share your faith and expand God's Kingdom for His glory! We pray that God will bless your conversations with people and that they will lead to them learning about and accepting Him!