

Last Holiday

Movie Discussion Guide Part 1

2006 — 1hr 52min — PG-13 – Comedy

Director: Wayne Wang

Writers: Jeffrey Price and Peter S. Seaman
(loosely based on the 1950 British film of the same name by J.B. Priestley)

Actors: Queen Latifah, LL Cool J, Timothy Hutton, Gerard Depardieu

Intro

When Georgia Byrd (Queen Latifah) finds out she has three weeks to live she decides to **pursue her possibilities** with the time she has left. She breaks free from her quiet life and takes her dream European vacation. Along the way, **she inspires everyone she meets** with her straightforward **wisdom and kindness**.

Conversation Starters

In your own words, ask a few of these questions during the natural conversation after the movie.

1. **Possibilities** – Georgia has many **unfulfilled dreams** at the start of the movie. **Have you ever put together anything like Georgia’s “Possibilities” book?**
2. **Three Weeks to Live** – Early in the movie, Georgia’s doctor tells her **she has three weeks to live**. **What would you do if you received the same news?**
3. **Unnoticed Beauty** – In the hotel lobby, Georgia asks the clerk, *“Don’t that ceiling ever just make you want to cry?”* **Why do we overlook beauty?**
4. **Good or Bad** – While giving **advice** to Ms. Burns (Kragen’s assistant), Georgia has this **insight** into people like Kragen, *“They’re never bad people. They’re greedy people. They want a little bit of this, a little bit of that...”* **Are people inherently good or bad?**
5. **Butter** – Jokingly, Chef Didier says the secret of life is **butter**. More seriously, **what’s your secret of life?**
6. **Don’t Jump** – Matthew Kragen is not the best of people. **Would you have risked your life to talk him out of jumping?**
7. **Secrets Exposed** – Georgia tells people what they **don’t want to hear** and exposes their secrets, but she does it in such a way that they love her for it. **How?**
8. **Mr. “Possibility”** – When Georgia **disappeared** Sean started investigating why and then **sought her out** to tell her the good news that she wasn’t dying. **Who in your life would come after you if you disappeared?**
9. **Character** – Does Georgia’s experience learning she is going to die **change her character or reveal it?**
10. **Finishing Well** – At the end of the movie Chef Didier reminds her, *“Remember, it’s not how you start, it’s how you finish.”* **What does he mean?**

Redemptive Analogy

What would you do if you only had three weeks to live? Georgia Byrd’s answer is to finally take her **long-desired European vacation**. And, instead of becoming bitter or angry, **she approaches her death with wisdom, grace, and kindness toward everyone she meets**. In this story, we watch a Jesus-follower with nothing to lose **embody Him** in her interactions with everyone she encounters.

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Movie Discussion Guide Part 2

Christian Worldview Responses

The following responses are designed to give you guidance and insights into how the Conversation Starters (Part 1) could be answered from a biblical perspective. As you prepare for your movie event and consider what questions you might ask after the movie, read these responses to get some ideas to help facilitate the discussion. Most people will share from their personal experiences and may not make a spiritual connection to the questions asked. Yet you can prayerfully see how to guide the conversation to biblical truths through the below examples as you prepare.

1. **Possibilities** – “May God grant you your heart’s desire and fulfill all your plans!” (Ps. 20:4) Scripture encourages us to **bring our plans before the Lord** and trust in His **good plans for us**. (Prov. 16:9, Matt. 6:33, Jer. 29:11, Rom. 8:28)
2. **Three Weeks to Live** – The Bible speaks of **living fully in faith**, trusting in God’s promises, and the **brevity of life**. Reflect on how your **faith shapes your response** and consider sharing how this news would **influence your priorities transparently**. (Rom. 14:8, John 14:1-3, James 4:14)
3. **Unnoticed Beauty** – In the Parable of the Sower, we see why we often overlook beauty: The hard-packed path shows a **lack of understanding**. The rocky ground reflects **fleeting attention**, and the thorns represent **life’s distractions**. These conditions **prevent us from even noticing beauty**. (Matt. 13:3-9, 18-23)
4. **Good or Bad** – The Bible is clear: **every human is sinful**. “None is righteous, no, not one.... No one does good, not even one.... For **all have sinned and fall short**.” (Rom. 3:10, 12, 23) **Yet there’s good news!** “God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us**.” (Rom. 5:8)
5. **Butter** – Pray about sharing your testimony here. **How is Jesus your life’s secret?**
6. **Don’t Jump** – Jesus taught us to **love our enemies**. And we’re called to **rescue those in danger**, and **sacrifice for others** as Jesus **sacrificed** Himself for us. Faith calls us to **act**, even for those we struggle to **love**. (Matt. 5:44, Prov. 24:11-12, 1 John 3:16)
7. **Secrets Exposed** – Georgia speaks **truth in love**, showing compassion even in her bluntness. She considers others’ feelings, using her words to **build up** rather than **tear down**. By doing so, she reveals hard truths in a way that fosters **healing** and **understanding**, not **hurt**. (Eph. 4:15, Phil. 2:3)
8. **Mr. “Possibility”** – **Be sensitive** if people can’t think of anyone who would come to their rescue. **Many are lonely** in the world, and **everyone needs a savior**. The good news is that **Jesus is seeking them**. (Luke 19:10)
9. **Character** – Georgia’s experience **reveals** her true character rather than **changes** it. Her **courage, generosity, and joy** align with biblical principles, like **gratitude** and **valuing relationships** over possessions. The crisis exposes her heart, revealing an **eternal perspective** that was hidden. (1 Thess. 5:16-18, Luke 12:15, James 4:14)
10. **Finishing Well** – Chef Didier’s words echo the Gospel: your past doesn’t define you. **Jesus accepts you as you are** and transforms you into **who He created you to be**. Georgia’s story shows this—**finishing well means letting God work in your life**. (Rom. 5:8, 2 Cor. 5:17)