

Discussion questions for *Amazing Grace*

Some of the major characters to watch for: William Wilberforce, William Pitt, John Newton, Barbara Spooner, Thomas Clarkson, Olaudah Equiano, Lord Charles Fox

1. Early in the movie, Wilberforce wrestles with whether to serve God or to serve as a political activist. The tension is illustrated well in William Pitt's question to him: "Do you intend to use your beautiful voice to praise the Lord or to change the world?" How is the tension resolved and what lessons can we learn from this?
2. Wilberforce goes to see John Newton (about 30 minutes into the film) for vocational guidance. Comment on the path of faithfulness chosen by John Newton as compared to the one Newton recommends to Wilberforce (hint: it's the same path that William Pitt recommends to Wilberforce). Is one of these paths inherently more holy than the other? Later in the film, how does Newton take his own advice?
3. What is the primary leadership lesson you'd like to remember from this story?
4. What attributes of William Wilberforce would you like to cultivate?
5. Is there some great issue to which you are called to effect change? If so, what, if anything, is in the way of you pursuing this calling?