



## Discussion Guide for “The Boxtrolls”

### *Top 10: Movies Week 4*

Are the things we own good or bad? Some Christians say God wants you to be wealthy, while others say wealth is a sign of sinful indulgence. Which one is it? The film *The Boxtrolls* and a story about Jesus encountering a wealthy man offer a third alternative: what if our stuff is an opportunity for us to share in God’s generous, self-giving nature?

#### Scriptures for Further Reading

[Mark 10:17-27](#)

[Matthew 6:19-34](#)

[Romans 1:19-20](#)

[James 1:9-18](#)

#### Questions for Discussion

1. What’s your most prized possession? Why?
2. Why do some Christians say that God wants us to be rich? Why do some suggest we should all be poor? What are the merits and the problems of each perspective?
3. In the sermon, Joshua described the Boxtrolls as “off the map” of Cheesebridge. What did he mean by that?
4. How do we know Jesus’ words to the rich man – “sell all you have and give it to the poor” – weren’t meant for literal application by all Christians everywhere? What *did* he mean?
5. What does it look like for you to share God’s love through your possessions this week? How is this an act of worship?