

Discussion Guide for "Forrest Gump" Top 10: Movies Week 2

One of the most powerful scenes in Forrest Gump is Lt. Dan's showdown with God. But most of us don't think fighting with God is okay. How does the story of Jacob's wrestling with God teach us to engage God even with our anger, doubts and fears?

Scriptures for Further Reading

Genesis 32:22-32 Psalm 22 Job 7:6-21 Mark 15:33-39 Romans 8:18-39

Questions for Discussion

- 1. Talk about the idea of being mad at God. How does it make you feel? Did you grow up in an environment where this was acceptable or discouraged?
- 2. Why might someone be angry at God? Have you ever been angry at God?
- 3. What stuck out to you most about Jacob wrestling with God?
- 4. God doesn't give answers; God says, "Me too." In light of Mark 25 (above), how is this answer to our anger unsatisfying? How is it helpful?
- 5. Read the passage from Romans 8 above. How does this passage affirm our anger? What hope does this passage offer to someone who is angry?
- 6. What does it look like for you to create space for anger, doubt and fear this week (in your own life, or in someone close to you)?