



BREAKTHROUGH

JAMES O. FRASER DOCUDRAMA

FILM DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions can be used in small groups, among friends, in Sunday school classes or Bible studies, college groups or organizational meetings. If you are looking for ways to take your group deeper after viewing the film, *Breakthrough*, these questions may serve as a guide for your group. Please feel free to use as many or as few as you like—and add some too!

A. Opening of the docudrama ... “Could God be calling me to go?”

1. The quote in the beginning of the film said, “If our master returned today to find millions of people unevangelized, and looked, as of course he would look, to us for an explanation, I cannot imagine what explanation we would have to give.” What would be your explanation to God as to why millions of people worldwide still don’t know the message of Christ?
2. Where are you at this point in your life in pursuing your role in missions?
3. What are you doing for God’s kingdom? Or, why have you not been involved in missions?
4. God had something better for James O. Fraser than pursuing a career in engineering. He wanted to send Fraser to China among the unreached Lisu people. Could God have something better for you? Have you considered that God might have something better for you? Explain.
5. Have you considered what God may be asking you to do in missions?
6. How do you feel about Fraser leaving behind a career, success and esteem among his peers at 22 years old to go overseas? Do you think you would be willing to do that?
7. How would you respond to God if today he asked you to leave everything behind and go to a remote village in Asia? Explain your response.
8. If you are struggling to commit to missions, share with the group why it is so difficult for you.

B. Fraser Arrives in China ... “What is missionary life?”

1. Why do you think it was important for Fraser to learn the Chinese language?

2. If you were going to a remote region among an unreached people group, how do you think you would feel? What would be things that would encourage you in that situation? How can you encourage your missionaries (church or individually supported) who are living in these situations?
3. What were some things about Fraser that made him a good candidate for rural missions? (willingness to learn language, love of mountain climbing, outdoors)
4. What are some things you love? How do you think God could use those things overseas?
5. How did God grow Fraser's interest in the unreached people of China, specifically the Lisu? (market place meetings, immediate affection, drawn to them—found them interesting, visiting their homes) Has God given you a special interest in a people group? How did you come to have that interest?
6. Inviting the Lisu to hear about Christ for the first time was not easy for Fraser. Has there been a time that you were nervous about sharing the gospel, but after you did God did something amazing? Share about that time.
7. Fraser asked God in prayer, "Why are there so few offering themselves for the mission field?" What do you think so few are going to the mission field long term?
8. What keeps you from going either short or long term? Is this an area in your life you need to commit to God? Explain.

C. Meeting the Lisu Peoples ... "How do we reach the unreached?"

1. What does it take to reach or share the gospel with an unreached people group?
2. Knowing what it takes to reach the unreached, how can you pray for these people groups?
3. Share with the group what you learned about an unreached people group from this film? Did you learn something new?
4. How did you feel about the demon spirits that the Lisu people believed in?
5. What are some ways we can pray against the "ancestral spirits" that enslave the unreached peoples of the world?
6. Share about a time you experienced spiritual oppression or a demonic attack. What helped you through that time?
7. What did you learn about the powers of darkness in the world that are keeping people from coming to Christ?

D. Fraser's Prayer Group ... "What is the Power of Prayer?"

1. What was the benefit for Fraser to start a prayer group in England?

2. How did Fraser's prayer group make a difference in reaching the Lisu with the gospel?
3. Fraser often felt discouraged by his unanswered prayers, until he realized he was praying non-effective prayers. When you pray do you believe God has already answered your prayers or do you find yourself frustrated by prayer? Explain.
4. Discuss how this film has changed your perspective on prayer?
5. What was the last thing you prayed for in faith and how did God answer?
6. What place does prayer have in your life today?
7. How much of your prayer is of the quality of Hannah's (in Samuel)? How much have you wept before the Lord for the unreached? Share.
8. Do you believe prayer to be the answer to reaching the unreached? Explain.
9. How do you see people who pray for the unreached being the one's to carry the ministry?
10. Would you be willing to intercede in faith for an unreached people group? Why or why not?
11. Do you think God could use you to reach and unreached people group? Why or why not?

E. Closing Thoughts ... "Can God use me in Missions? If so, how?"

1. Fraser died to his own plans in order to serve God. Have you done that in your life?
2. What plans have you made for your future? Do they involve God's kingdom?
3. Fraser's daughter mentioned in the film that God made us each for a purpose. Have you discovered your purpose? If so share with the group. If not, discuss with the group where you are and how you can figure out your purpose.
4. Do you feel like you can do something for the kingdom? What? If not, explain your feelings?
5. God left all his followers with a Great Commission. We are all called to do something for the kingdom of God. If you haven't found out what God has for you, that's fine. Today is a great time and place to start, but don't wait. How obedient are you going to be with your life and following after God's command? Discuss within the group how each person has a purpose and what they can do to make a difference.

D. Need Help in Connecting with God's Work?

Perhaps you already know what God wants you to do for his kingdom, or maybe you have no clue as to what the next step can be. There are several resources available that God can use to show you his will for your life. Watching the *Breakthrough* film was step number one. God is speaking. He's asking you to obey his teachings and be

a part of redeeming a lost world. No task is too small, no prayer too little. As the body of Christ we all play a role in reaching those who have yet to hear about Christ. Below is a list of resources to help you on your missions journey.

1. Read *Christ Hands: 6 Ways to Reach God's World*. This booklet explains six ways you can be involved in missions through going, learning, mobilizing, praying and sending. Available for purchase at www.omfbooks.com.
2. Read *Mountain Rain*, a biography on the Life of James O. Fraser. Available for purchase at www.omfbooks.com.
3. Connect with an OMF International missions mentor. Walk with a mentor for one year in discovering God's global purposes and how you can connect. E-mail us at bridgeasia@omf.org.
4. Read *Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret*, a biography on the founder of China Inland Mission (now OMF International), Hudson Taylor. Discover the power of faith that caused a man to give his life in missions. Available at www.omfbooks.com.
5. Go on a short-term missions trip with OMF International's short-term program, ServeAsia. Learn about upcoming trips at www.omf.org/us/serveasia.
6. Become an OMF International *BridgeAsia* volunteer and advocate for missions or an unreached people group. There are thousands of unreached groups waiting for someone to be their voice. Check out the opportunities at www.omf.org/us/volunteer.
7. Start a prayer group for an unreached people group. Start a group that will intercede like Fraser's group so that an unreached group may come to worship Christ. Find out how to do this at www.omf.org/us/volunteer.
8. Host an OMF International event as a *BridgeAsia* volunteer. Share with others the needs of the unreached in Asia by educating them and engaging them in ways to get involved. Find out how to become an event coordinator at www.omf.org/us/volunteer.
9. Host a Breakthrough Party. See details at www.jofraser.org. Share the film with your friends and spread the message of prayer toward reaching the unreached.
10. Become a friend of James O. Fraser on Facebook and join the J.O. Fraser Fan Club. Invite your friends to join, too!