



Lost at Sea

The film you are about to watch is a modern-day allegory presented with a storm as the backdrop to an intense conflict. As the story progresses, note the various characters, their points of view, and the reasoning behind each.

The Church of Jesus Christ is not a pleasure boat, but a lifeboat for saving souls ...

1. In what way does this story unfold as you expected? Were there moments that surprised you? What did you find most uncomfortable or disturbing about the film?



What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.

Matthew 18:12+14

2. Consider the conflict aboard the cruise ship in light of this scripture.
3. Recall the challenge of the man in the shadows to Jack, the young crewman. "You are about to enter the valley of decision. What takes precedent: a vessel's facilities or its overall purpose? Our purpose should be quite clear ... Are you content to go or to study about going?" Who does this mysterious character represent? How do his questions relate to the church today?
4. Do you recognise in these characters something you have said, done, or thought? Which character's viewpoint most closely reflects your own?



*Rescue the perishing, duty demands it –
Strength for thy labour the Lord will provide ...*

Fanny J Crosby



The Gospel in the World

Following the December 2004 cataclysmic tsunami that struck coasts along the Indian Ocean, the world acted quickly. Within a week of the disaster, an estimated \$2 billion in relief aid had been committed worldwide.

The Gospel in your World

Who has been most like a lifesaver in your life? Recall specific details about these situations. Also, think of times in which you have responded to others in this manner. Did you *count the cost* (Luke 14:28) before taking action? How did you feel after such an experience? This week, observe those who are followers of Jesus and those who are not. What would it take for them to become followers of Jesus Christ?

