



To Kill a Mockingbird (1962)

(130 minutes)

Story: Harper Lee won a Pulitzer Prize for the novel on which the movie is based. It was the only novel she ever wrote.

Through the eyes of Scout Finch (Mary Badham), a feisty six-year-old tomboy, Harper Lee reveals to us the deep prejudices and injustices of 1932 Alabama. Scout's father Atticus (Gregory Peck) is asked to defend a black man who is falsely accused of raping a white woman. Atticus is a gentle man with strong values; more importantly, he's "color blind".

Meanwhile Scout, her brother Jem (Phillip Alford), and their friend Dill Harris are fascinated with trying to learn more about a neighbor who is rarely seen – Boo Radley.

The two dramas unite in a powerful ending. See if you can figure out who the two 'mockingbirds' are. You may find yourself wanting to read the book (which is even more powerful than the movie!)

Category: Drama

Rating: Not rated

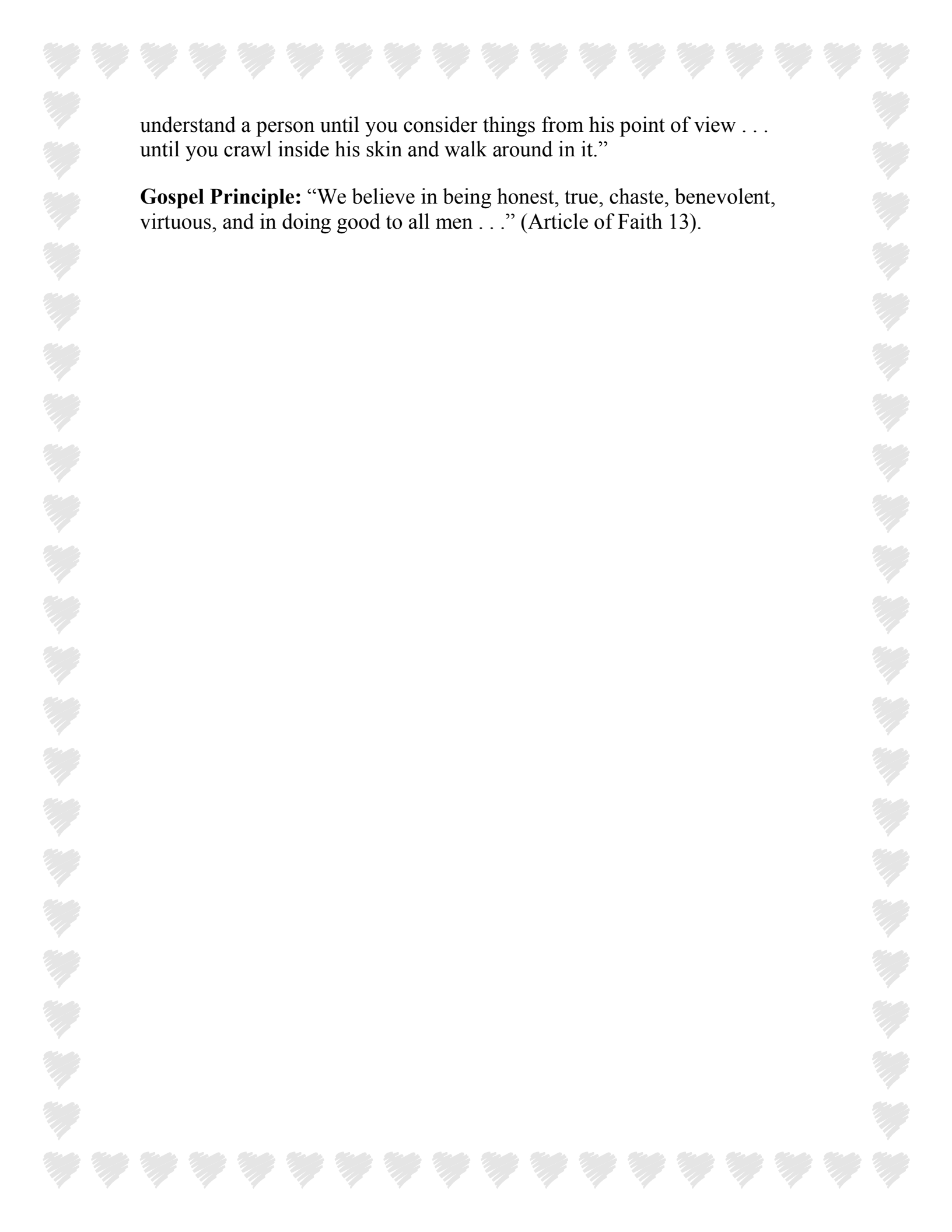
Values: Overcoming prejudice, standing up what for is right, being equal in God's eyes, parent/child relationships

Who Might Like This: Teens and up

Cautions: The word 'nigger' is used several times. The court proceedings focus on the issue of rape, but without using explicit details. Most of the discussion uses phrasing such as "taking advantage of her".

Cast: Gregory Peck, Mary Badham, Phillip Alford

Movie Quote: (Atticus to Scout) "If you just learn a single trick, Scout, you'll get along a lot better with all kinds of folks. You never really



understand a person until you consider things from his point of view . . .
until you crawl inside his skin and walk around in it.”

Gospel Principle: “We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous, and in doing good to all men . . .” (Article of Faith 13).