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Key scenes



Close the curtain



## Film Synopsis

Danny Ocean (*George Clooney*) leads a team of eleven con-artists and thieves as they plan on robbing three casinos simultaneously. With a brilliant plan, cunning disguises, truckloads of technology and a little luck, it's going to be one night Vegas never forgets. Danny is just out of prison, has a score to settle with Las Vegas casino owner Terry Benedict (*Andy Garcia*) who took his wife, Tess (*Julia Roberts*) away from him.

Ocean plans to rob Benedict's fiendishly well guarded vault, and he assembles a crack team to help him pull off the heist, among them gambler Rusty (*Brad Pitt*) and con artist Linus (Matt Damon). With financial backing from the mega wealthy Reuben Tishkoff (*Elliott Gould*) the plan is set and the game begins. *Synopsis by SBS reviews*



## Movie Talk: Reel Dialogue discussion

If you were to choose the character or role you would want to play in the Ocean's franchise, which character is closest to your personality or skill set?

Steven Soderbergh's film is considered a classic heist film with one of the most well-rounded ensembles in years. Is there anything wrong with being entertained by thieves as the good guys?

Who is the real villain in this film? Why? How do you determine between wrong and right?



## Key scenes

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### Rehabilitation

*Ocean's 11* opens and concludes with Danny leaving prison. It is questionable if the man has been rehabilitated or if he merely had time to plan his next heist. The story would suggest that he experienced some changes while being incarcerated, but was it for the better?

Do you think that the heat of humanity can change? Why or why not?

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.* - Psalm 51:10

### Calling a bluff

One of the realities of human existence is that people lie and bluff all the time. Even the most moral of individuals can tell a 'little white lie' at times. Many people would say this is damaging to relationships but if everyone does it, how can we trust anyone?

Is there such a thing as an acceptable lie? Is bluffing considered lying?

*Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.* - Proverbs 12:19

### Conflict amongst friends

Two topics that *Ocean's 11* addresses are tensions within the ranks of the team and dealing with a conflict of interests. Many times these two things come hand in hand, we must confront someone because they seem to have a conflict of interest in a given situation. How is the best way to manage this without damaging the relationships within a group?

*Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.* - Colossians 3:13



## Curtain closes: Final question

### Repercussions for our choices

Life is filled with choices and we all inevitably make mistakes. Sometimes we choose the right path, while there are days when we fail to 'come home from buying cigarettes.' What are some situations in life where you wish you could have made better decisions? Is there a point when you cannot be forgiven for the choices you made in life?