



Watch the film



Discuss Themes



Key scenes



Close the curtain



Film Synopsis

Steve Rogers (Chris Evans) is a scrawny young lad who is desperate to join the US Armed Forces and fight for his country in the Second World War, but whose list of health issues keeps getting him rejected.

As he tries to enlist in yet another city under a false name, he is spotted by Dr. Erskine (Stanley Tucci) who's taken with his determination. Erskine recruits Rogers for a secret Super Soldier programme, in which the government intends to inject recruits with a revolutionary cell-enhancing serum to create an army with higher efficiency, and so win the war.

The challenges that follow for Steve come from people's disbelief in his abilities and they portray him as a novelty. This forces Captain America to take things into his own hands and prove to the world that he is more than a side-show act. *Synopsis written by Adrian Drayton*



Movie Talk: Reel Dialogue discussion

Did you enjoy the movie? Why or why not? Have you ever been bullied or picked on?

What was your response? Did your experience cause you to empathise with Steve Rogers?

Dr. Erskine was 'looking for qualities beyond the physical.' What sort of qualities do you think he had in mind? Do you think they are important?



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Not the hero you expected

Steve Rogers was not what anyone expected when people were thinking of the future hero, Captain America. He was humble and did not have the physical presence of most of the other soldiers. Yet, he had something that made him stand out.

There is a margin for error in judgement if people are evaluated solely on the basis of their appearance. What sort of qualities might we overlook in others in our hurry to pigeon-hole people into categories defined by society?

He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. - Isaiah 53:2

A good man?

Beyond his physical appearance, one thing Steve has going for him is that he has a good heart. Something that can only be seen through someone's actions.

'A weak man knows the value of strength, and knows compassion.' What did Erskine mean when he said this? **Something to consider and discuss:** Is there really any man who is good?

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good--except God alone. - Mark 10:18

Transformation

Many do not know that the process in the original Captain America comics was called 'rebirth.' There are true systems that can change us to look like the actor Chris Evans.

What do you think of the concept of a God who loves us regardless of our weaknesses, no exceptions whatsoever? Is there a 'process' that can transform our lives?

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. - 2 Corinthians 5:17



Curtain closes: Final question

Don't You Dare Be Late

There is a quote that says that God may seem to be slow at times, but he is never late. One thing that can be understood in the Bible is that God's timing and plan are perfect. So, why do you think that Jesus chose to die on the cross?