

RUNNING DEER SCREENING GUIDE

Thank you for your interest in sharing *Running Deer* with others. This guide has been developed to help you successfully screen the film and, ultimately, to share the message of Jesus' love with others. Thank you for making a difference!

How to Host a Film Screening

- Whether you're hosting in your own home, a local theater or a church, the following is a suggested order for the presentation, including the approximate time required for each part.
- Feel free to adapt the following in any way to best meet the unique needs of your audience.
- If all the presentation elements described are used, the entire screening will last approximately 1 hour.

Welcome

5-10 minutes

Welcome your audience to the film screening of *Running Deer*.

(If available, consider offering light concessions or refreshments such as popcorn, sodas or another light snack during the film.)

Consider saying the following:

"Thank you for coming! I'm excited to share with you the film, *Running Deer*. Please make yourselves comfortable, and we'll get started."

Give a brief description of the film

Running Deer is a short film about a Native American teen named Tyler who feels stuck in his small hometown. Tyler has a broken home life and has made some bad decisions about how, and with whom, he spends his time. One of his childhood friends gets into trouble, and he is forced to make a pivotal decision about his faith in God and his future.

Show the Film

approx. 24 minutes

Ensure that everyone is seated and comfortable.

Consider saying the following:

"I'm excited to begin the film, *Running Deer*. As a courtesy, please refrain from talking during the show. Thank you!"

Next, show the film.



After the Film

5-10 minutes

Briefly thank your guests again for coming and watching the film.

- Next, explain a little about what Tyler discovered in the film—that even when you have turned your back on Jesus and gone your own way, He is real and He is ready to accept all of us just as we are.
- Tell the group that you'd now like to share another brief clip with them about a young Native American named Chris Parrish, aka "Supaman."

Consider saying the following:

- "In *Running Deer*, Tyler discovered that choosing to follow Jesus—even if that meant going against all his friends—brought him peace, direction and unconditional love. Jesus offers the same to every one of us, including each and every person sitting in this room.
- Next, I'd like to share with you a short clip about a young Native American named Chris Parrish, also known as "Supaman." Like Tyler in the *Running Deer* film, Chris was surrounded by drama and chaos in his family. But after choosing to follow Jesus, Chris found peace, forgiveness and direction for his life. Let's watch Chris share his own story."

Show the Testimonial Clip

Approx. 7 mins

Show [Chris Parrish Cut 1.mov].

After the Testimonial Clip

Briefly thank your guests for watching Chris' story with you.

Share that Chris had a choice to continue on the path his life was on or to change it by deciding to follow Jesus.

Consider saying the following:

"Thanks for watching Chris' story. As he shared in the clip, Chris had a choice to make. He could stay on the path he was on—which looked great on the surface but was leading deeper and deeper into chaos, alcoholism and pain—or he could choose to follow Jesus—taking him in a completely new direction, which would be unknown but guaranteed to be filled with hope."

The Good News

Approx. 2 mins

Next, share that Jesus offers everyone— including each and every one of the people in your group—this same decision and life-changing opportunity today. Jesus freely offers salvation to us all.

Choose to either present the Gospel message yourself or show the clip of Chris that is provided:

Show the Gospel Clip

Consider saying the following:

"I have one final clip I'd like to share. It's Chris explaining the Gospel message of Jesus' love for all of us and what it really means to be a Christian."

Share the Gospel Message Yourself

Consider saying the following:

"Jesus—and everything He offers—isn't just for a man named Tyler in a film or for Chris whom we met in the clip. Jesus loves all of us. He freely offers forgiveness, love and a future filled with hope for everyone, including everyone here right now. Jesus promises real hope for a better tomorrow and a future of eternal life with Him after death. All you have to do is choose to accept this gift of salvation and choose to follow Jesus.



Reach Out to Your Audience

10-15 mins

Thank your audience for their attendance and attention. Share that you hope they enjoyed the film as well as learning more about Jesus Christ and the hope He offers. Explain that you would like to give them a book to take home that will help them continue to learn and understand more about Jesus and will help them apply the Gospel to their lives.

Below are some effective ways to close the screening event:

- Provide an immediate opportunity to gather more information, including leading those interested in a prayer of salvation.
- Extend an open invitation to attend a local church service.
- Hand out tracts, small brochures or leaflets providing more information

Consider saying the following:

"Again, thank you for coming! I hope you enjoyed the film as well as meeting Chris—and most importantly—learning about Jesus Christ.

If you're ready to accept the free gift of love, forgiveness and hope that Jesus is offering you or even if you'd just like to learn more, please come and introduce yourself to [insert names of volunteers here]. We'd greatly enjoy sharing more about Jesus with you!"