

At the Conclusion of the Movie:

1. Jose's father tells Nina that you can not play soccer without passion. Can you be successful or happy in anything without passion? A tag-line associated with the movie is *What do you live for?* Do you live for your passion?



2. The Sacrament of Reconciliation consists of "restoring us to God's grace and joining us with him in an intimate friendship." (CCC 1468)

Can you describe various moments when Jose and/or Nina might have experienced being restored in God's grace and generosity?

3. Bella has been describes as a movie that conveys a pro-life message. Was it what you expected? Why? Why Not?

A Prayer:

Creator God, You are the source of all Life. We praise You for the care which You extend to all creation, and especially to us, made in Your image and likeness.

Lord, protect all those whose life is at risk, especially those who may be harmed by war or violence, including the brutality of abortion.

Bless each of us so that we might offer our lives in such a manner pleasing to your well. Amen.



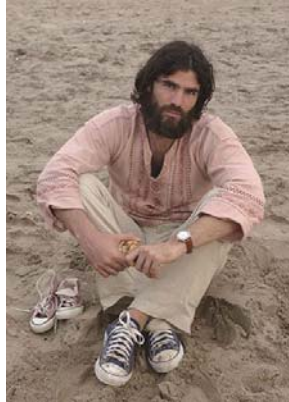
Bella Study Guide

Synopsis:

Bella centers around Nina, a young, unmarried waitress at a Mexican restaurant who finds herself pregnant and without work after coming in late several days because of morning sickness. Jose, the restaurant's chef, is taken by Nina's plight and becomes her sole confidant. Jose helps her walk through her decision on what to do with her pregnancy. In the process, he bears secrets from his own mysterious past, which reveal his tenderness and passion for her and the child she is carrying.

Before Screening the Movie:

1. The first line of the movie is "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." What does that mean?



2. Nina is facing a tough decision and Jose chooses to spend the day with her while she is considering her options. Is decision making easier or harder when doing it alone? Or with other people? Why?

3. *Bella* has been described as a movie that conveys a pro-life message. What would be your pre-conceptions about a such a movie?

Break

1. The blind beggar on the street asked Nona to describe "beautiful day." Would you have been able to describe the day? He had a sign that said "God closed my eyes. Now I can see." What did that mean for the beggar? What does it mean for you?

2. Jose challenged Manny if he really knew his employees. Do we really know those around us? What difference does that make in a person's life?



3. Why do you think Jose took Nina back to his family home?