

## Why Film Club?

The Methodist Church is committed to deepening the discipleship of all who walk with God and all who seek to walk with God.



Watching films is a great way to explore the discipleship journey

Whatever is going on in our life, can be our discipleship journey. Sometimes we need a hand to ask the 'where is God in all of this' question.

Film Club is a good place to start

asking 'where is God in my life?' and 'is the path of discipleship I am on, the one God wants me on?'

Film Club is part of the EDEV initiative— a boost of money into Districts to provide practical resources, to deepen the discipleship and extend the vocation of all people in a Methodist community.

Watching films then exploring questions with others is a great way to explore discipleship and extend vocation.

Production company Pixar. Therefore you need to have a license to show this film from CCLI.

### Summary of regulations and advice:

#### **Christian Copyright Licensing Info (CCLI)**

Annual CVL and PRS licences;

If your church already has got PRS contact them for a pro rata CVL linked to how long left on PRS licence.

Cost depends on how many people on average attend your main Sunday worship, not the numbers at the film showing...

1-49 people £63.65  
50-99 people £128.27  
100-249 people £159.60

- Attendance at film must be free
- Can charge for refreshments
- Can use film name in internal advertising ; not on websites, but via email is fine.

*There is a one off licence; which they do not advertise on website which is £25 minimum.*

Full information and regulations to be found at [www.ccli.co.uk](http://www.ccli.co.uk)

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## EDEV FILM CLUB

### WALL-E



**As you are preparing the material, use this prayer, maybe use this to close the session too.**

**1:26:40-1:29:00** (scene 32).  
Prayerfully reflect on all the work that still remained to be done once the *Axiom* returned to Earth.

Getting home was only the start of the mission.

What's the long-term mission for you?

What green shoots can you see?

What are you going to do about it?

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# WALL-E



Do we all have a God-given purpose?

Running time: 98 minutes. Certificate U.

Humanity has drowned planet Earth in rubbish. The 'Buy 'n Large' corporation has the task of cleaning up while Earth's population takes a 5-year cruise in space. On board the *Axiom*, 700 years later, the human race have entirely forgotten their origins, but

back on Earth one small robot named WALL-E (Waste Allocation Load-Lifter, Earth class) is single-handedly continuing the clean-up mission against all odds. Then one day a beautiful stranger called EVE arrives seeking signs of new life. Is there any hope that humans might still return to Earth?

- Pick a character or incident in the film that you identify with in some way in your own life experience. Explain your choice to the group.
- One of the film's taglines is: 'After 700 years of doing what he was built for – he'll discover what he was meant for.'

- Do you believe we each have a particular calling in life?

- Can you identify with WALL-E's 700 years spent doing what he was 'built for'?

- What was he 'meant for'? Spend a couple of minutes (perhaps in pairs) discussing what the essence of WALL-E's true mission was.

## Clip: 0:06:00-0:11:35 (scene 3)

*WALL-E has a passion for sorting things, but he often doesn't really know the purpose or value of the objects he finds. For example, an old toaster is storage for his favourite video tape. Notice the 'spork' (hybrid spoon / fork) at 0:07:00 – WALL-E has a pot for spoons and another for forks, but the 'spork' poses a problem for him.*

- Does 'pigeonholing' sometimes become a problem when we think about God's calling for us and for others?
- What consequences might there be if we always expect people to fit particular vocational 'pots'?

## Clip: 0:37:50-0:41:15 (scene 14)

*Arriving on board the *Axiom*, WALL-E finds a world where interaction is almost exclusively virtual. People don't even see what's around them. He blunders in and disturbs this way of life.*

- What prevents you from being 'present' to your surroundings? To people around you? To God?
- How might you more intentionally 'practise the presence' of God and others in your life?

## Clip: 0:50:15-0:53:15 (scene 17)

*WALL-E and EVE have been deemed faulty and sent to the Repair Ward where there are lots of other defective robots. In an attempt to save EVE from what he perceives to be torture, WALL-E causes havoc, accidentally releasing all the other 'patients'. Each of these malfunctioning robots goes on to play a crucial role in the whole mission – their 'defect' is exactly what is needed in the situation.*

- How do you react to the scene of the Repair Ward? As human beings our 'defects' can range from quirks of personality to significant mental, emotional or physical disabilities.
- How can we nurture a community which recognises the calling of each individual, including those of us who are 'damaged' in some way? Is anyone really 'normal'?

## Clip: 0:57:00-1:00:00 (scene 22)

*There are moments of beauty and wonder dotted throughout the film. Here, human being Mary is already revelling in the experience of being present to the beauty around her, when she catches sight of WALL-E and EVE dancing in space. Her excitement is infectious!*

- Are you someone who is happy to enjoy this sort of moment alone, or is 'sharing' essential for you?
- Do you find this scene helpful as a metaphor for sharing our faith and/or deepening our discipleship? Why / why not?

## Clip: 1:04:00-1:07:05 (scene 25)

*It is revealed that the autopilot is deliberately trying to prevent the ship returning to Earth, in obedience to an order given almost 700 years earlier. The message from the CEO of the 'Buy & Large' corporation is that the clean-up operation has failed, and that 'rather than try and fix this problem, it'll just be easier for everyone to remain in space.' But the Captain of the *Axiom* won't settle for that!*

Do we sometimes settle for survival, rather than striving for 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)? You may want to return to the question at the beginning – what was the most essential aspect of WALL-E's mission? Why?



How can we be fully 'present' to one another and to God