



Black Panther: Okoye vs. Killmonger Lesson

Purpose:

To discuss Okoye's recognition that Killmonger as a "false prophet" and how that connects to the teachings of the New Testament

Scriptural Examples:

Matthew 7:15-16[,17-20]: "Beware of False Prophets"

- In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us that we can be mindful of false prophets among us by looking at the fruits of their labor.

2 Peter 2:1-3: False Prophets and Teachers Among You

- The author of this letter warns that false prophets and teachers in our midst will try to lead us astray, but ultimately their work will only bring themselves into ruin.

Matthew 10:34-39: "I have not come to bring peace, but a sword."

- Jesus, in speaking to the Disciples, reminds them that following His path means loving Jesus over all others, even family. Because of this, the Word of God may cause a rift or divide between family members.

Supplies:

- + Computer/Device to Stream (Something else to project to, depending on group size)
- + Clip from *Black Panther* of T'Challa's return and Okoye and the Dora Milaje siding with T'Challa against Killmonger (if you don't have a physical copy, you can find the film or clips of it through various streaming services). If there's time, you can use these additional clips:





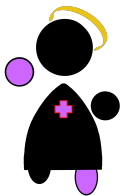
+ Nakia letting Okoye know the royal family is safe and their conversation of what to do next

+ Okoye forcing her husband, W'Kabi, to surrender

Note: if you have younger viewers, make sure you get signed permission from parents. This film has a PG-13 rating.

Procedure:

1. It is highly recommended that this class follow the lesson plan for Black Panther: Nakia. If that is not possible, show the clip where Nakia lets Okoye know that the royal family is safe and their debate on what to do next. Okoye chooses to stay in Wakanda instead of going with Nakia to protect the Queen Mother and Shuri, feeling it is her duty to server her country.
2. Take time to discuss Okoye's choice. On one hand, it is clear she cares about T'Challa's family, even though she believes King T'Challa to be dead. On the other hand, Okoye's duties as General keep her from actively helping. Okoye's code of conduct informs all of her decisions. Ask participants in what way they see their faith as guiding their own conduct in life.
3. Show the clip where T'Challa reveals he is alive to Killmonger and the nation of Wakanda. When Killmonger refuses to acknowledge that, by Wakandan law, his match with T'Challa must continue, Okoye realizes that Killmonger will never obey the law he is





supposed to protect, and turns to side with T'Challa, the true king of Wakanda.

4. Read Matthew 7:15-16 (you can read up to Matt 7:20 if there's time). Discuss how Killmonger is a false prophet, particularly how he is inciting Wakanda to go to war against the rest of the world. Discuss how Okoye is able to recognize Killmonger as a false prophet through his actions, mainly his refusal to continue the Challenge with T'Challa under Wakandan law.
5. Read 2 Peter 2:1-3. Focus on the part about how false prophets/teachers lead themselves to their own ruin. Discuss how Killmonger is doing this with his own reign.
6. If there is time (or you can use this for a separate lesson), show the clip where Okoye forces W'Kabi to surrender. Then read Matthew 10:34-39. Okoye is standing up for what is righteous. This puts her into conflict with her own family, mainly her husband. Ask if there are times where we see this conflict between family and faith in our lives or in the lives of others we know.



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