

DO SOMETHING - by: Chuck Goodin

5 Teenagers: Cam - female, Carrie - female, Jo - male or female, John - male, Jimmy - male. Casting may change to fit specific needs. Run time: approximately 7 minutes.

There are five short scenes. In Scenes 1 and 5 the actor's play themselves. In scenes 2-4 they play characters. In each scene the characters are different than the previous scenes. The script may be broken up in a service with other elements such as songs, etc.

SCENE 1

5 teenagers ponder several major problems in the world. Their desire to see change builds to a desperation.

CARRIE

Sometimes I am assaulted by doubts.

JOHN

I look at the world and it's like -

JIMMY

And I see only darkness

CAM

It can be overwhelming.

JOHN

And I start to question what I believe

JO

Like, if God exists then why does he allow so much suffering?

CARRIE

(agreeing)

Yeah God, if you do care-

JIMMY

Why won't you do something?

CAM

What about homelessness and hunger?

JOHN

So much food is wasted every year!

JO

People go hungry while others have more than enough.

JIMMY
All these churches, why won't they
help?

CAM
And what about all the wars?

JOHN
So much destruction!

JIMMY
Lives wrecked all because people
cant get along.

JOHN
Have you seen all the old people
living alone?

JIMMY
There are so many-

CARRIE
With no one to love them

CAM
Why doesn't someone care for them?

JOHN
And what about cancer?

JIMMY
God why won't you reveal the cure?

JO
We've healed other diseases, surely
our brains could handle a cure for
cancer,

CARRIE
-if only you gave it.

CAM
And look at all the things
happening to the earth!

JIMMY
The land! The people!

JO
So much abuse!

CARRIE
So much neglect!

CAM
So much disease!

JOHN
So much despair.

ALL
Why God?! Why!? Do something!

SOUND EFFECT: School bell rings. LIGHTS: Out - Both effects happen SIMULTANEOUSLY. Beat. Bright lights up.

SCENE 2

Two students meet up in the hallway.

CARRIE
Hey bestie.

CAM
Hey. What's up?

CARRIE
You won't believe what Jimmy Allen did!

CAM
Oh no, more boy drama.

CARRIE
Shhhhhh! Here he comes!

Jimmy enters and goes to his locker.

CARRIE
(nervous)
H-Hi.

JIMMY
Ladies.

CAM
Hi Jimmy.

Carrie elbows Cam and shoots her a look.

CARRIE
(enamored)
So, uh, Jimmy I heard about your new invention.

JIMMY
Invention? Oh, you mean my new app?

CARRIE
Yeah! I heard it's great. You're so smart.

JIMMY

Well, it's nothing really, just some programming and coding.

CAM

What does your app do?

Again Carrie gives Cam the evil eye.

CARRIE

Yeah, what does it do?

JIMMY

Well you know how everyone either loves school pizza or they hate it?

CAM

Yeah. I hate it. It's nasty.

Another look from Carrie.

JIMMY

Well I love it.

CARRIE

(gushing)

I love it too.

JIMMY

So with my app I can find people who don't want their pizza and
(very proud)
I can take it off their hands.

CARRIE

That's amazing. How does it work?

JIMMY

Simple really, I created a GPS program that drops a pin at the location-

Cam yawns. Carrie jabs Cam in the ribs.

CARRIE

Jimmy you were saying-

JIMMY

So basically, I just send out the app to everyone in school. Then on pizza Friday if someone doesn't want their pizza, they just hit this button and BOOM! I find them via GPS and I take their pizza.

CARRIE

Wow that is genius!!

JIMMY

I know. It took me all year to make it. Last week I ate 49 slices! Just because I could.

CARRIE

That's incredible.
(to Cam)
Isn't that incredible?

CAM

(disingenuous)
Uh yeah, total Peace Prize material.

Cam yanks Carrie off stage.

SCENE 3

Two sportscasters address a television audience.

JOHN

And this just in, Darrell Durkins is the basketball player to watch.

JO

That's right John, our statisticians have just confirmed that Durkins is the only player EVER to put up 45 points during the second period when playing a non-conference team with only 6 games left in the regular season.

JOHN

Wow. No one has ever done that before.

JO

That's right John, and we know this because we have a staff of researchers here at Sports Nation.

JOHN

Well that's all for this sports moment, but stay right where you are-

JO

We will be back next hour with more scores, stats and facts and an exclusive analysis from our research team on the various trajectories of Durkin's free throw shot.

JOHN
I can't wait.

SCENE 4

Two young adults sit back playing video games.

JOHN
Come on, let's go do something.

JIMMY
We are doing something.

JOHN
No we're not.

JIMMY
Yes we are. Look, we conquered levels 3-4, 3-5 and 3-6. This is the most ground we've ever taken. If we stop now the zombies will repopulate all the worlds we've taken.

JOHN
We are just sitting around making some game companies rich.

John gets up and shuts off the game. Jimmy confronts John.

JIMMY
Dude what is your problem?

JOHN
Honestly, I'm feeling convicted about how much time I spend playing video games.

Jimmy starts to challenge this, but then concedes.

JIMMY
I thought you liked playing

JOHN
I do! But after awhile it starts to feel...

JIMMY
Empty?

JOHN
Exactly. Like I love doing new things, I feel like I was made for adventure, but video games are only so fun, know what I mean?

JIMMY
Like fake accomplishment?

JOHN
Yeah! Sometimes I lose track of the time and suddenly I look up and the sun is coming up.

JIMMY
Been there bro.

JOHN
Just sitting down here in this basement ...for hours.

JIMMY
For days!

Beat.

JOHN
Hey have you thought about going on that missions trip they talked about at youth group?

JIMMY
Kinda, but I don't know ...seems a little--

JOHN
Scary?

JIMMY
Yeah. Going overseas and talking to new people who aren't like us. I don't know if I can do all that.

JOHN
Yeah I know what you mean. It's like... it's no problem for me to interact with all these online gamers, but when it comes to meeting people in real life? That's-

JIMMY
Work.

JOHN
Yeah. It's hard.

Beat. They think in the silence.

JIMMY
Let's do it next year.

JOHN
Yeah next year.

SCENE 5

The teenagers return to their questions, this time humbled by a new revelation.

CAM

I used to ask God, "If you care, why won't you do something about all the suffering in the world" then I realized-

ALL

He's asking me the same question.

CARRIE

Can we honestly accuse God of not caring?

JO

When we spend over 500 billion dollars on things like Netflix and Disney?

CAM

These things aren't bad-

JIMMY

But it's time we stop blaming God for everything.

JO

He's given us lots of resources

CAM

But we use them for entertainment.

JOHN

Think, if you lease an apartment and then you don't take care of it-

CARRIE

Would you blame the landlord when everything is broken?

JO

God gave us this world as a gift

ALL

It is ours-

CAM

To take care of.

CARRIE

We get to do something!

JIMMY
That's exciting!

JOHN
It's really not that hard-

JIMMY
Just-

CARRIE
Give God what you have

JOHN
And empower it with prayer

JO
Humbly asking for God's help.

JOHN
Simply-

CAM
Do what you can.

JO
And watch God-

ALL
Do miracles.

CAM
Things will change!

JOHN
Just be-

ALL
Faithful.

JIMMY
You are not alone.

JO
He is with you.

JOHN
So go.

ALL
Do something!