

## MOVIE Discussion GROUP – August 2019

### 7 Year In Tibet – Play Sheet

1. In the beginning phase of the movie, the main character Heinrich left his pregnant wife and journeyed on a mountain adventure instead. He pushed himself very hard, was dishonest with himself and his team. Overall what do symbolism do you see in this ?
2. The next phase of the movie entailed a long journey with a lot of stops to different Tibetan cities, and he never stayed long at any one. What symbolism do you see in this phase of the movie?
3. There is a big conflict between Heinrich and his friend at one point on the long journey between Tibetan towns. Heinrich makes amends.
4. Once settled in the holy Tibetan city, he meets a young woman, who he is attracted to but this woman ends up falling in love with his friend instead. What are your comments about this and what symbolism do you see?
5. A mentoring relationship forms between the HHDL and Heinrich. Heinrich teaches the DL about all of the ways of the world. He eventually gets a home there in the city and settles into the city.
6. What symbolism do you see in the chinese offering political autonomy to the tibetan people if they accept the chinese as their 'political master' ? The desire of dominance of will over another through force ?
7. What symbolism do you see portrayed in the betrayal of the official by destroying the munitions of the country ?
8. There was a reunion of Heinrich with his son in time, and they shared a good relationship. The final scene was of him climbing a mountain, like the in beginning of the movie. What difference do you see in Heinrich's mind from the beginning scene to the end scene ?