

Star Trek Into Darkness
Study Guide
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1. Why does Captain Kirk disobey the Prime Directive that the Starship Enterprise is not supposed to reveal its presence to anyone? Do you think he did the right thing, even though Dr. Spock disagrees? Explain your answer.
2. The Catholic Church teaches that genetic engineering to make designer human beings is always wrong. What does Admiral Marcus hope to achieve by taking this technology from Kahn? Research the Church's teaching on life issues in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* to explain the possible consequences if General Marcus had succeeded.
3. Which characters are bothered when the Starship Enterprise is turned into a battle ship? What has its mission always been? Why do you think the screenwriters made this change in the mission of the Enterprise? Although the situation was serious, can you think of a better way than war to resolve the serious problems that the people face?
4. How is *Star Trek Into Darkness* a story of friendship and courage? Which characters show that they have a conscience and care about their neighbors? What motivates General Marcus? Why doesn't he realize that his power cannot endure? What "power" or virtue actually will last forever?
5. Do you agree with Sister Rose's review of *Star Trek Into Darkness*? If your opinion is different, or if Sr. Rose forgot something important, write your own review here: