

### **Discussion Questions for *Adam's Apples***

1. How does the use of lighting and camera angles set the tone of the film? Is it more realistic or surreal? Why?
2. What does the apple tree represent to Adam? To Ivan? How does the significance of the tree change throughout the film?
3. What is the significance of Adam's connection to "The Book of Job"? Who do you think is most like Job and why?
4. What can we determine is the deeper import of Ivan's handicapped son?
5. The criminals that come to Ivan's church to "reform", do you think they are reformed? Why or why not? What does this mean to Ivan? To the story as a whole?
6. Do you think this film is blasphemous or ultimately religious?
7. Discuss the impact of violence in this film and the idea of redemption through violence.
8. Compare and contrast this film to other violent, black comedy films (i.e. *Pulp Fiction*).
9. There are many allegories in this film, point out a few of them and discuss their significance to the story as a whole.