



STUDY GUIDE

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Message Series:
Message Title:
Teaching Pastor:

AT THE MOVIES
Spider-Man No Way Home
Brian Hughes

Warm-up/Icebreaker:

What is your experience with heights? Are you typically afraid or brave?

Pray:

Dear God, help us to recognize You above all else. Enlighten us that we might see You, and notice how You're at work through our lives. Give us wisdom to make the best choices, filling us with a desire to seek after You more than anything else in this world. Let Your Spirit and power breathe in us and through us again, fresh and new. You are greater than anything we may face in our day and Your presence goes with us. We need you Lord. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Get Started:

"We had really messed up. The collective we. As in you as an individual person and we as a created class called humanity. We can't blame someone else, but we can point the finger at ourselves, and each other, all of us. Not a single person could be exonerated or acquitted. We were all guilty together and we are each guilty ourselves. Of what? Of going our own way, giving into the temptation to do something that wasn't right, which is a polite way of saying that we each have done some things that were wrong. The Bible makes this plain: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way. Isaiah 53:6a, NIV" -Pastor Brian Hughes

Read 2 Peter 3.

- What is Peter trying to do by writing 2 Peter?
- We read many places in the Bible about the Lord's patience. In this particular instance, why does Peter say he is patient? Have you personally benefited from God's patience? When? How?
- What does the Lord's patience mean to all of us?
- In closing, why did Peter instruct his readers to be on guard? What were his final instructions? How can we grow in the "grace and knowledge" of Christ?"

Read Lamentations 3:19-24.

- When do you find it hardest to sense Jesus with you? How can the promise that God's mercies are new every morning bring you strength and courage, even in those darkest of days?

Watch and Discuss Video: (No follow-up videos for At the Movies)

Reflect and Commit:

Read John 14:1-14.

- What is the overall message of this passage?
- Why did Jesus' departure open up the possibility of his disciples doing "even greater works"? How does this apply to our lives today?

"No greater spiritual truth has ever underwritten a comic book story, because the essence of the Gospel is and always has been this: God offers you a second chance because of Jesus, and that message of hope is delivered through those of us who have already taken God up on the offer. You and me - not superheroes or geniuses or laboratory accidents or freaks of nature - just broken people who've made some missteps along the way came face to face with the author of the Second Chance. Jesus offered us a way out of our messed up lives and we took it. Then he offered us a place in helping others do the same thing... So just to be sure you know, you don't have to stay where you are. You can come out of the darkness, out of the shadow, into the light and freedom of God's redemptive offer. Jesus paid the price so that you could be lifted into the loving presence and purpose of something bigger and better than you could ever imagine. His love is the greatest power the world has ever known - and that's not a Marvel theme - it's a Gospel one." -Pastor Brian Hughes

Read Philippians 1:6.

- How does this verse positively affect you when you are feeling discouraged by mistakes?
- What does this promise say about Jesus? What does it say about us?

Pray:

Dear Lord, we're so grateful for Your reminder that when we mess up You give us second chances. Forgive us for the times that we've tried to fix things in our own power, for not coming to You first with our needs and burdens. Thank You for the refreshing that comes from Your Spirit, filling us with joy, covering us with a shield, leading us forward with hope. Equip us also to be those who take notice of others who need guidance. Help us to slow down, to take the time, to point others to You. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

MOVIE TRIVIA (optional)

- Benedict Cumberbatch has admitted to not reading the full script, wanting to surprise himself with the final product.
- Tom Holland helped to save this movie from cancellation by forcing renegotiations between Sony and Disney. Under the terms of the new deal, not only does Spider-Man: No Way Home (2021) still take place within the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), but Spider-Man can also appear in future MCU movies, as well as Sony's own Spider-Man franchise.
- MJ works in a restaurant called Peter Pan Donut & Pastry Shop. This is a real place in Brooklyn, NY. However, as the movie was shot in Georgia, the production visited the real location, photographed it, then built a reproduction for the shoot.
- While on the roof of the school near the beginning of the film, there is some graffiti that says "ditko". Steve Ditko was the co-creator of Spider-Man, Doctor Strange and all five villains in this movie, all with Stan Lee. The "ditko" tag also appears on the side of a F.E.A.S.T. truck parked at Happy's apartment building.
- Spider-Man: No Way Home (2021) takes place directly after the events of Spider-Man: Far from Home (2019). Meaning that it takes place in Summer-Winter of 2024.
- It's the 27th film of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, originally meant to be the 28th in the series.
- The film became Sony's highest-grossing film in history. Earned \$1.6 billion in its first 11 days at the box office.