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Ant Man and the Wasp (2018) | *Having Hope* | BIBLE STUDY

Facilitator Note: We encourage facilitators to take this Bible study and expound on it throughout the week, allowing it to be a springboard for deeper conversation and personal meditation.

PRESS START

Ant Man and the Wasp is the first Marvel film to come out after the finale of *Avengers: Infinity War* that stunned us all. Sure, we know all will be resolved thanks to the announcement of future films prior to that event; however, the future of the MCU as we know it is still uncertain—the very reason for these last few months of theory and debate.

ASK: Has there been a situation in your life that left you uncertain of the results to come?

EQUIP

In the first *Ant Man* movie, Scott Lang was able to enter the Quantum Realm and return. During Hank and Janet's run as Ant Man and Wasp, there was no evidence it could be accomplished. Hank Pym found hope when that discovery was made—the kind of hope we find in Christ when we hear the good news of salvation.

Romans 8:18-21 NIV *"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God."*

Hank gains the desire to search for his wife who might still be alive in the Quantum Realm. His desire reaches a level of urgency that leads him to recruit the help of his daughter, who just so happens to be named Hope. This is the kind of desire we should carry with us upon our salvation. A desire that should emulate David's that he tells us about in **Psalms 119**.

Psalms 119:10-11 NIV *"I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."*

ASK: Have you ever had a need, want, or goal that left you unsatisfied until it was achieved or completed?

LEVEL UP

When we first saw this "Ghost" character in the trailers, many of us wanted to know who she was. We now know her tragic backstory and how it affected her motivations and desires. Ava aims to extract Janet's Quantum energy. She selfishly launches an operation to steal the lab while knowing Janet's life could be taken during the process.

Some of us have likely been down a similar road by giving into our own desires. **Romans 7:5** is a great reminder of what occurs when we give in.

Romans 7:5 NIV *"For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the*

law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death.”

ASK: Has there ever been a moment in your life where someone or something has acted as the voice of reason?

Ava continues to make lawless decisions as her situation becomes more dire. It is the moment Ava motions to take Cassie Lang for a ransom that Bill Foster steps in and tells her there's another way to accomplish their goal without having to take a life. That moment lead to a similar feeling of hope the Pym's experienced earlier in the film.

At some point in our lives, we had someone or something act as the Bill to our Ghost. That was the moment we found true hope in Jesus Christ and the only proper path to freedom from our sins. Another scripture in **Romans** speaks of another gift we receive along with that hope.

Romans 6:23 NIV *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

MOD

The greatest thing about the finale of Ant Man and the Wasp is everybody wins—even the villain. The Pym's sacrifice their time and effort for an old friend by assisting in the extraction of Quantum Energy that could lead to the cure for Ava.

ASK: Was there ever a moment that you were able to help someone in need? Was it at an inconvenient time for you?

There are times when someone comes to us in need; especially when it is an inconvenience for us or someone we don't really care for. Moments like these are the times we should model the sacrifice Christ made for us.

Romans 5:8 NIV *“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

PRAY

Along with any prayer requests of our own, we should take this time to pray for those who need some hope in their lives—a solution for those who are in need of one.

ASK: Is there anyone in your life you would like us to pray for?

THE NEXT LEVEL

Psalms 105:1 NIV *“Give praise to the Lord , proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.”*

1 Peter 3:15 NIV *“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”*

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