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Mary Poppins Returns (2018) | *Needing Community* | 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

This film had hand-drawn animation, which marks this film as being the first Disney movie since Winnie The Pooh (2011) to have hand drawn elements.

What modern animated film would you like to see redone in a hand-drawn style?

EQUIP

In the movie, there's a scene where Michael Banks makes the statement, "I just cannot do this alone." He has reached his breaking point. His house is being taken, his children almost cost him his job, and he is still mourning the loss of his wife earlier that year. The audience knows Michael was never truly alone, because he had his sister, the children, and for a short time, Mary Poppins.

Sometimes when we face something big, we think we need to do things alone. Maybe you have experienced loss, or a financial situation you do not want to tell anyone about. Perhaps you are struggling with depression and think you are the only one who can handle it. Much like Michael, you are not alone, in either the physical or spiritual sense. God is there for you, but also fellow believers in Jesus Christ as well.

LEVEL UP

In scripture, it tells us this is why we need the church. We need to assemble with other believers to strengthen our faith, but also to be there for one another in times of need. In Exodus, we see a story that's a great example of how we need to have the help of some trusted people sometimes. The Israelites are in a battle with Amalek, and as long as Moses keeps his arms up, the fight is in favor of the Israelites. Well, Moses' arms were beginning to get tired, so Aaron and Hur pushed a rock to where Moses could sit down and then they held his arms for him. Sometimes you need a little help from friends as well as from God.

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Read Exodus 17:8-13

We see in this passage Moses not only receiving help from God, but also receiving help from the godly men he had surrounded himself with.

Who is someone you feel is a godly influence in your life you can ask to "hold your arms" when needed? Are you that person for someone else? If not, then how can you make it so you are someone that is trusted to be there for someone else?

PRAY

During this time, take prayer requests for specific things. Then pray God would bring an Aaron and a Hur into people's lives, and that they in turn will be an Aaron and a Hur to someone else.

THE NEXT LEVEL

Hebrews 10:24-25 "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

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