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Sonic The Hedgehog (2020) | *Gotta Go Fellowship* | 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

Whether you consider yourself a gamer or not, you likely had or played a console in your lifetime. Was it Sega, Nintendo, or something even older? What kind of games did you play?

EQUIP

From the time he was very young, Sonic spent many years alone on our planet. This gave him a feeling of loneliness he was forced to live with so he would not be discovered by the wrong people.

There are many places that feelings of loneliness may come from. However, the first step is to put our faith and trust in God. There are many encouraging scriptures in the Bible that mention how God will never leave us.

Matthew 11:28 *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

Isaiah 41:10 *"Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."*

Has there ever been a time where you have felt lonely?

LEVEL UP

The interesting thing about going to church on Sunday is it's not the only thing our faith is based upon—we don't go to worship and hear a message to go on with the rest of our week. A big part of going to church on a weekly basis is gathering amongst a community of believers. In the end, the community of Green Hills came to the aid of the blue blur.

Have you ever been the "new person" at a new school, job, or in town?

Even though Sonic was tasked with living in isolation, he knew there was more to life. It was fortunate his recklessness led him to get help from Tom in his time of need.

The ever-quotable **Proverbs 27:17** says "Iron sharpens iron." In a few words, this scripture shows the importance of living life around people. We keep each other accountable and help one another in times of need, but most importantly we are taking the obstacles life throws at all of us together—life is not meant to be a single-player game. Sonic and Tom became a team and both were much more successful than they ever were alone.

Proverbs 27:17 *"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."*

Has there been a special moment when you have had a friend or someone come to your aid in a desperate time of need?

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Robotnik likely had his own encounters with feelings of loneliness in the past. Though from what we know about his past and observed in the movie, he sees himself as superior to the rest of humankind due to his intelligence. By carrying that mindset, he is intentionally isolating himself. **Proverbs 18:1** closely describes the character of Doctor Robotnik.

Proverbs 18:1 *“Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.”*

Have your own desires ever got in the way of your relationship with others?

Robotnik is an example of what not to do. **Philippians 2:3-4** provides some insight into the mindset that we should carry with us more often.

Philippians 2:3-4 *“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”*

Was there ever a time where you were able to be there when a friend or someone else was in need?

PRAY

As a group, take prayer requests. Then, pray for those feeling lonely that they would find a community or church that shows them they are loved.

THE NEXT LEVEL

Did you enjoy the discussion around Sonic the Hedgehog? Maybe the group you are discussing these questions and verses with doesn't meet on a regular basis. Don't neglect to gather together more often—make it a habit.

Hebrews 10:23-25 *“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 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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