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At the Movies: Project Hail Mary

The sermon uses *Project Hail Mary* to explore how we rescue the things in our lives that are broken or dying, whether that is a marriage, a job, or our future. Before rescue can begin, we first have to admit that something is broken and recognize that sin is behind the brokenness and dysfunction in our lives. We are also reminded that nothing gets better through neglect, so we cannot simply listen to God's Word without putting it into practice and fully surrendering to Jesus. Following Jesus requires sacrifice, but often that sacrifice looks like simple daily choices to choose patience, encourage others, spend time with God, and serve sacrificially. At the same time, we were never meant to follow Jesus alone, and when we feel alone or overwhelmed, we can remember that we have a community around us. Ultimately, we all recognize that something is deeply broken in our world and that we need hope and a hero. When we were helpless in our sin and unable to rescue ourselves, Jesus stepped down from heaven, came to earth, and willingly laid down His life for us, giving us the invitation to lay down our own lives and follow Him.

Key Scripture | Reference

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

Related Scriptures

— James 1:22-25, Matthew 16:24-26, Philippians 2:5-8

Key Thoughts and Reflections: _____

Inward - Self

Q: How did the sermon affect how you see yourself?

Q: What's the one thing that is broken or maybe even dying in your life, that you would love to see rescued?

Q: What is one area where you know you need to stop simply listening to God's Word and start living it out?

Outward - Others

Q: How did the sermon affect how you see others and the world around you?

Q: Why do you think God designed us to follow Jesus in community rather than alone?

Q: What does sacrificially serving someone look like in your personal, everyday life?

Upward - Jesus

Q: How did the sermon affect your view of God?

Q: What does it mean to you that Jesus stepped out of heaven and came to earth for us?

Q: How is following Jesus different from simply listening to what He says?

Get Practical _____

This week, write down the one thing that is broken in your life that you would love to see rescued? Then write how Jesus could meet you in that. Think about what it would look like for Jesus to redeem, or fix, that thing and pray for that daily this week.