

### At The Movies- Bumblebee

*It's easy to give up when we blow it or feel like we can't stop messing up. We all experience times where we fail; the real question is what comes next. Will we stay stuck, or will we move past our past? What if God wants to use our mistakes to make us stronger than we were before?*

#### **Conversation Starter: Pick one of the questions below to get started-**

- Share a time where you made a terrible mess.
- Describe a situation where you were stranded somewhere that was beyond your control.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

**Question 1:** Would you describe yourself as a perfectionist? Why or why not?

**Question 2:** In the movie Bumblebee, how do Charlie and Bumblebee get stuck in the past? What are some common causes of getting caught up on yesterday's mistakes or painful moments?

**Question 3:** How do you typically respond to failure? Does it motivate you to do better or cause you to retreat?

- **Read Philippians 3:13-14**

**Question 4:** Paul, the writer of Philippians, knows what it means to mess up royally. Before following Jesus, he devoted his life to putting a stop to Christianity. What is his secret of staying unstuck?

**Question 5:** Your screw-ups don't make you a screw-up. How have you been guilty of letting failure keep you from getting back up? How is living in the past, preventing you from making progress today?

**Question 6:** What step do you need to take this week to help you move forward?

#### **Next Steps:**

- **Learn from your mistakes:** Acknowledge your mistakes, ask God for forgiveness, and decide you're not going down the same path again.
- **See the bigger picture:** Your mistakes don't take God by surprise. Life is full of highs and lows. Recognizing God is working in the peaks and valleys to create something beautiful essential for Jesus followers. Sign up for Growth Track: **Journey** to gain some perspective.
- **Get real:** Nobodies perfect, so don't hide your past, repurpose it. Use your screw-ups to encourage others and help them avoid the pitfalls you've experienced.

#### **Prayer:**

God, thank you for being the God of second chances. We are so grateful that you don't require perfection but are patient in our process of becoming more like your son Jesus. Thank you that despite our failures, you wait with open arms, faithful to love us, forgive us, and shaping us through our less than best moments. Please help us not to wallow in our mistakes but to learn and grow from the highs and lows of our story.