

Discussion Guide

Film: Sully



Discussion for a movie night: Enjoy the film. Afterwards, here are some discussion questions that might help you to engage with others on the topics from the film. Enjoy the time engaging with the film, your faith and friends.



Film Synopsis

How do you define a hero? Do they put on capes and appear in comic books or are they ordinary people who do exceptional things in extra-ordinary situations? On Thursday, January 15th, 2009, it was just another routine flight to Charlotte, North Carolina for Captain Chelsey Sullenberger, nicknamed 'Sully' (Tom Hanks) and his co-pilot Jeff Skiles (Aaron Eckhart). They had a full flight of passengers who were hoping to escape the cold of New York. All was routine on the flight out of the city until the A380 jetliner was hit by a flock of Canadian geese and both engines became inoperable. Relying on his 40 years of flying experience, Sully managed to land the jetliner on the Hudson River with miraculously few injuries and no deaths occurring. The seasoned pilot became an instant celebrity and hero of the Big Apple. During the celebrations and adulation from the around the city, behind the scenes there was a tension surrounding the investigation into the flight's circumstances. Sully was unable to celebrate with the world, due to the implications of what he was accused of during the landing and the potential impact that it would have on his career and his life.



Discussion points for Reel Dialogue

1. Did you enjoy the film? What were the strengths and what were the weaknesses?
2. What is the value of loyalty to a co-worker?
3. Is there a standard for true heroism? Where can you find it?
4. What does the Bible say about heroes? (Mark 9:35, John 15:3, John 3:17, and the Gospel of Luke)
5. What limits should we go to for the sake of strangers?