

Spider-Man: Homecoming Discussion Guide

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Participant Guide

Group Discussion:

QUESTIONS PRESENTED CHRONOLOGICALLY

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- If you were in Toomes' position, how would you respond as you faced financial ruin?
- How could the government have handled things differently? How much pain and suffering would have been avoided if the Big Guy cared for the little guy?
- How can this situation form the way that we treat other people?

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- When Peter confronts Toomes in his hideout, he is trapped under the rubble. What aspects of his escape remind you of Christ's story?

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