



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 6: God Protects

Suggested Week of Use: October 11, 2020

Core Passage: Isaiah 31:1-9

News Story Summary

Over 300 campers and 16 dogs were recently rescued after being trapped in the Creek Fire in California. It took a military operation by the National Guard to rescue the group. Helicopter pilots airlifted some of the campers out on Saturday, but other rescue attempts had to be abandoned until Tuesday when conditions improved. Those who had been stranded within the fire zone for three days described the conditions as nasty, also indicating that they were on edge. One of the pilots, California National Guard Chief Warrant Officer Michael Hames, said they used their “God-given eyeballs” during the rescue attempts.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “California National Guard Helicopters Rescue Campers Trapped in Fire Zone”.)

Focus Attention

To replace the Begin idea under Focus Attention, display photos of the wildfires in California and Oregon or play video of the fires. As the group arrives, direct them to describe how they would feel if trapped by one of these fires or if the fires were approaching their home. Ask: *How would you expect to be rescued? How would you remain calm?* Share the information from the news article about the campers being rescued from the Creek Fire. Complete the step using the Discuss idea.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Review idea under Summarize and Challenge, remind the group of the campers who waited three additional days before being rescued. Ask: *How do you think they coped with the waiting, especially after seeing others in their group rescued? As Christians, how should we cope while waiting while in the middle of a personal challenge or crisis?* Lead the group to review the summary statements under Apply the Text for insight.