



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 7: Dependence Declared

Suggested Week of Use: July 18, 2021

Core Passage: Job 42:1-11

News Story Summary

Wildfires are burning out of control in British Columbia, Canada, this summer. Located north of the state of Washington, the southern portion of British Columbia is wrestling with more than 200 wildfires, a third of which have been classified as out of control. The Lytton, BC fire where two died began by a spark from a passing train. In the first few days of July, over 40 new fires were reported, most of them caused by lightning. One wildfire, north of the town of Lillooet, has burned over 64,000 acres, which is roughly 100 square miles.

For more about this story, search “BC wildfires out of control”.

Focus Attention

To replace the opening activity under Focus Attention, place a large sheet of paper on a focal wall. Direct the group to list things a person would have to see with their own eyes to fully grasp the magnitude of the item or event. After most have arrived, share about the news of the wildfires in British Columbia. Explain how does knowing about these fires compare to the emotions and perspective of a person who has actually seen the devastation caused by one of these fires. Ask: How would seeing one of these fires or having seen a wildfire impact your response to this news? Complete the step using the Transition idea, comparing the seeing of a wildfire with Job seeing God.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Discuss idea under Summarize and Challenge, review the story of the wildfires. Lead the group to discuss how wildfires can cause people to feel like life is out of control. Complete the step as written, asking; *How do you see a sovereign God in control of the circumstances of your life? How does a relationship with Jesus Christ impact the way you handle life's difficulties?*