



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 5: Joy Through Peace
Suggested Week of Use: October 3, 2021
Core Passage: Philippians 4:1-9

News Story Summary

Residents in Louisiana had to make quick decisions as Hurricane Ida, a Category 4 storm, approached the Gulf Coast. Many of the Gulf Coast residents had lived through numerous storms, and were accustomed to the hurricane warnings; however, the severity of Ida surprised some leaving them little time to prepare. Some residents chose to stay and ride out the storm; others chose to evacuate to neighboring states and seek shelter in hotels. Others like Tammy Williams decided to stay and pray, hoping that things would work out for the best. Ida eventually made landfall in southeast Louisiana with 150 mph sustained winds with threats of imminent catastrophic damage.

For more about this story, search “As Hurricane Ida barreled toward the Gulf Coast, some residents chose to “stay and pray.””

Focus Attention

To supplement the Inquire idea under Focus Attention, after volunteers have answered the question, direct their attention to the article about Hurricane Ida. Direct the group to compare the residents’ decisions and how they chose to prepare for the approaching storm. Lead them to discuss the residents’ feelings and the peace that may have surrounded each decision. Complete the step as written, using the Transition idea.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Pray idea under Summarize and Challenge, include the residents of Louisiana in your prayer as they rebuild from Hurricane Ida and contend with the threat of still other storms that may approach.