



SHADOW MOUNTAIN
LEADER

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WE DO NOT HAVE AN OUTLINE THIS WEEK
Please use this area for your own notes

Getting Started

1. Describe a time when you have been rescued (this could be as common as being broken down on the side of the road or something more dire and personal). **Being rescued comes in all shapes and sizes. Some will remember a rescue that will feel like a four or five out of ten, while others will have a more intense story.**

2. Conversely, when have you rescued someone? At what point did you realize this person needed help? What were the steps you took to bring the person to a safe place? **At the time, you might not have felt that you were “saving” someone, but as you look back, you may realize that you took a person from danger and moved them to a place where they were no longer in danger.**

Going Deeper

1. As a Christian, when did you realize that God had literally “rescued” you from danger, punishment, and Hell? As you connected with your own deliverance from peril, how did it affect your outlook on life? Your heart? **It’s been said that redemption happens over and over in our minds and hearts as we connect more deeply with all that God has done for us. The Gospel is so powerful and God’s love is so vast, it is impossible to grasp all the ramifications of what Jesus did for us on the cross.**

2. Think back through the different scenarios in the Bible where God rescued a person, a group of people, or even an entire nation. Make a list of 3-5 stories. Describe what it would have been like to have lived in that time and saved in that way. **The same God who rescued you also brought the Israeli spies out of Jericho before judgment fell on that city. He brought Daniel out of the lion's den before the mouths of the lions were opened and served their prey. Jesus made sure His disciples were out of the Garden of Gethsemane, terrified but safe, as He Himself was led away toward the cross.**

3. Read Psalm 34: 4, 7, 17, 19. Circle the word “deliverance.” What does this say about God’s view of those He rescues? What does this say about His heart? **The Lord delights in His church, in His family. He delights in you. Yes, we suffer trouble and tribulation in this world, but God always makes a way of escape for us because He delights in us. His deliverance isn’t just reserved for the Rapture. He wants to deliver you right now from your anxiety about the future and from the worries that are crippling your life.**

4. Read Revelation 3:10. In what way have you persevered during a trial or test? Describe the way it felt to face that ordeal. How did this hardship conclude? **This verse expresses Christ’s message to one of the seven churches to whom the book of Revelation is addressed—the church in the ancient city of Philadelphia. Its significance, however, isn’t limited to that congregation. This wasn’t just a promise about regional persecution. Jesus wasn’t telling the church in Philadelphia, “I’m going to keep you from persecution that’s going to come into your vicinity.” Instead, He said, “I . . . will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world.”**

5. The above verse is for Jesus' followers. Describe how you feel knowing that, as a Christian, you are promised protection from the Tribulation. **Pastor Jeremiah said, "Jesus' promise in Revelation 3:10 provides great security for His followers. Why? Because He isn't going to keep us *through* the Tribulation, but *from* the Tribulation. Not during the trial or in the trial or through the trial, but *from* the trial. This requires a removal before the trial ever occurs."**

Applying the Message

1. Describe a *current* tribulation you are facing (i.e., distress, agony, or pain). In what way does connecting with the above promise—of safety from the future Tribulation—change your view of the present challenge you are facing? **One way to look at a challenge being faced *right now* is to remember that God never leaves us or forsakes us (see Joshua 1:5, Deuteronomy 31:6, and Hebrews 13:5). In the same way that God will be with us for all eternity, He is also with us right now.**

2. How might you choose to live differently as you remember the Revelation 3:10 promise? In what way can you view your life differently as you see it through the lens of Jesus' long-term protection and security? **Just as God will save all Christians from the hour of His wrath, likewise we can live in full assurance that, "The Lord *is* on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me" (Psalm 118:6).**