



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 1: Faith Tested

Suggested Week of Use: June 6, 2021

Core Passage: Job 1:8-22

News Story Summary

The Huanghe Shin Mountain Marathon in China was an ultramarathon (100K) that began on May 22. The 172 participants began the race in cool conditions, but as the weather worsened as the day progressed. In the afternoon, the runners faced freezing rain, hail, and heavy winds. The race officials sent a search party but many of the runners became hypothermic, with twenty-one of the runners dying as a result. The dead included Liang Jing, who was considered one of China's most accomplished ultramarathoners. Various organizations question the preparations made by the planners especially their safety procedures.

For more about this story, search "Huanghe Shin Mountain Marathon".

Focus Attention

To supplement the Guide idea under Focus Attention, as the group shares responses to the question (When you see these words (*unexpected tragedies*), what come to your mind?) share information about the ultramarathon in China that was impacted by the storm. Lead the group to identify lessons that may be learned from the tragedy. Emphasize the value of lessons learned from tragedies. Complete the step using the Transition idea.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Ask idea under Summarize and Challenge, begin by reminding them of the news story about the ultramarathon. Lead the group to share insights from Job that might encourage those who survived and the families of those who lost a loved one to the storm. Then encourage the group to list people they know who are going through a challenging time and insights from today's study they can share with the people they listed. Complete the step by transitioning to the pray idea.