



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 4: Wisdom Gained

Suggested Week of Use: June 27, 2021

Core Passage: Job 28:12-28

News Story Summary

Earlier in June, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office received a call about a suspicious vehicle on private property. When deputies responded, they found a vehicle, but no one was inside. Officers noticed a hat on the ground near a vineyard fan close by. When they walked over to investigate, they discovered that the vehicle's owner had decided to climb into the shaft of the fan. He had been trapped inside the shaft for two days.

Firefighters rescued the man who needed medical treatment and is expected to make a full recovery. The man told the police he wanted to take pictures of the farm equipment because it was a hobby, but police also suspect drugs might have played a role in the man's decision.

For more about this story, search "California man gets stuck inside farm equipment".

Focus Attention

To replace the Introduction and Ask ideas under Focus Attention, write the following on a large sheet of paper: *Things that seemed like a good idea at the time...* As the group arrives, lead them to create a list of things they did when they were younger that seemed like a good idea at the time (jumping objects on a bicycle; riding in the back of the station wagon without a seat belt; not using sunscreen; etc.)

After most have arrived, review the list. Then tell the story of the man who decided to climb inside a large piece of farm equipment. Comment that most of us could have used some wisdom at different times in our lives. Ask: *Where do people look to find wisdom? Where do you look when you need wisdom?* Say, *Today's study will show us we can find real wisdom.* Complete the step using the transition idea.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Review activity under Summarize and Challenge, remind the group of the list man found in the farm equipment and recall actions listed by the group in the Focus Attention idea (see above). Lead the group to identify how the news story and the actions listed by the group demonstrate our need for God's wisdom. Complete the review idea as suggested.