



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 1: God Confronts
Suggested Week of Use: September 6, 2020
Core Passage: Isaiah 1:10-20

News Story Summary

When conducting a survey of things people missed during sheltering-in-place during COVID-19, the following actions were identified: hugging friends and family, sports, going out to eat, meeting up for coffee or a beverage, fitness classes in gyms, going to work, school, grocery shopping in peace, and making memories (weddings, celebrations, etc). Experts point to the value of routines in keeping people moored and feeling comfortable.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “everyday things we miss”.)

Focus Attention

To replace the Begin idea under Focus Attention, begin by asking the group to share activities they miss or missed the most during the COVID shelter-in-place quarantine. After most have arrived, share a summary of the list included in the news story. Compare the group’s list with the list shared in the story. Lead the group to identify the actions listed that point to relationships. Emphasize that the quarantine has helped some people to not take relationships for granted. Complete the step, beginning with the Respond idea.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Respond idea under Summarize and Challenge, remind the group of the new story about things missed during the COVID shelter-in-place quarantine. Call attention to any who suggested that worship with other believers be added to the list. Lead the group to discuss what God might say to us today about our worship. Encourage them to reference Isaiah 1:10-20 in their responses.