



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 7: Cornerstone

Suggested Week of Use: April 18, 2021

Core Passage: Luke 20:9-19

News Story Summary

Government officials in India ignored warnings of some experts about the building of hydroelectric dams in the Himalayan Mountains. On February 7, a flood overwhelmed the area in which these dams were constructed, causing the death of many people. Although experts are trying to determine if a glacier broke loose, if a landslide occurred because of heavy rains, or some other aspect of nature caused the flooding, a tremendous wall of water burst down the mountain destroying the two hydroelectric dams and the villages along the river path.

For more about this story, search: “India Ignored Warnings of Flood Risks.”

Focus Attention

To supplement the Begin idea under Focus Attention, after allowing volunteers to share ways they completed the statement “I ignored a warning and it ended badly when...”, share the story of the Himalayan flood warning. Invite volunteers to propose why the warnings might have been ignored. Complete the step as written.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Review idea under Summarize and Challenge, remind the group of the Himalayan flood. Lead the group to discuss how things may have been different if the warnings had been heeded. Guide the group to determine how the session summary statement (God offers salvation through faith in Jesus alone) serves as a warning. Discuss what factors may lead to that statement being ignored. Then discuss how things change when that truth is followed. Complete the step as written.