



Session 11: Resolved
Suggested Week of Use: August 12, 2018
Core Passages: 2 Samuel 21:1-6,10-14

News Story Summary

The Carr fire, a wildfire burning in Redding, California, has been named the seventh most destructive fire in California history. It began mid-July by an automobile mechanical failure, setting off a firestorm that has created its own localized weather system. At the time of this writing, it had burned 103,772 acres--scorching an area bigger than the size of Denver, burned 818 homes, and claimed six lives with 19 still missing. The Carr fire is one of seventeen fires burning in the state. "What we're seeing in California right now is more destructive, larger fires burning at rates that we have historically never seen," said Jonathan Cox, a battalion chief of Cal fire.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the phrase "Carr fire destructive")

Focus Attention

Following the video in the List idea under Focus Attention, share the news story summary about the destructive Carr fire. (If articles are used rather than a video, ask a few people to briefly share the articles. Then share the news story summary.) Complete the List idea as written. Following the Discuss idea, ask: *Does the statement, "it could have been worse" have a positive or negative impact during times of disaster?* Ask the group to explain their answer. Complete the Focus Attention step as written.

Summarize and Challenge

Following the Review idea under Summarize and Challenge, remind the group of the news story. Invite them to share things believers should remember when facing a natural disaster. (Example: God is still with us.) Share that we should always place our trust in God who loves us, so when natural disasters occur, we can glorify the Lord and point others to Christ. Complete the step as written.