

News Story Summary

On Sunday, September 3, skilled technicians worked for hours to successfully defuse a World War II-era bomb that had been lying dormant under the streets of Frankfurt, Germany for some seven decades. The 4,000-pound bomb was discovered at a construction site for Goethe University faculty buildings. It is believed to have been dropped by the British Royal Air Force.

Experts warned that if the bomb accidentally went off, it would be powerful enough to flatten an entire street. Authorities secured a mile radius area around the bomb. Sixty thousand people were evacuated, the largest evacuation in Germany since the end of World War II.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “Frankfurt bomb evacuation 2017.”)

Focus Attention

To supplement the Focus Attention idea, briefly summarize the recent evacuation of 60,000 people in Frankfurt due to an undetonated bomb. Comment: *Even though the evacuation was inconvenient for a large number of people, it was necessary in order to protect the lives of those in the area.*

Ask: *What emotions might have been felt by the people of the area when they were first notified? How important would the details have been when communicating to the people in that area?*

Comment: *Today we will examine a preparation for departure by the Israelites. Their swift compliance and attention to the details laid out by Moses and Aaron prepared them for God’s deliverance.*

Challenge

To supplement the Summarize and Challenge idea, remind group members of the recent evacuation in Germany. Comment: *Authorities in Frankfurt threatened to use force against anyone who refused to leave the area that day. Cooperation was mandatory.*

Continue: *The children of Israel had a choice in their departure from Egypt-- they could follow the instructions of their leaders or they could have refused and remain as slaves in Egypt.*

Ask: *What is your choice about following God? (obedience or disobedience, trust or doubt) What steps are necessary in your own life for you to more fully demonstrate trust in God? Are you willing to take those steps?*

Lead in a time of silent prayer, allowing group members to search their own heart.