



Session 12: Thankful
Suggested Week of Use: August 19, 2018
Core Passages: 2 Samuel 22:26-36,50-51

News Story Summary

Plymouth teenager Donovan Mitchell said his life had changed after surviving a daredevil stunt this month. He had climbed to the top of a tower that carried high tension electrical lines and received a 115,000 volt shock that caused him to fall 20 to 30 feet. Some of Donovan's ribs were broken, and he received severe burns. Donovan did not know the climb would be so dangerous, having done it before. He said he was lucky to be alive and was thankful to the doctors and nurses at Shriners Hospital where he is currently receiving treatment.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the phrase "Plymouth teen thankful")

Focus Attention

Following List idea under Focus Attention, share the news story summary about the teenager's thankfulness after a fall. Ask: *What do you think Donovan would write on a thank you card? If thankfulness was measured, what do you think would be the level of Donovan's thankfulness?* Direct group members to explain their answers. Ask: *How would you rate most people's level of thankfulness?* 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. Say: *Donovan said his life had changed because of the accident.* Ask: *What kind of impact might something like this experience have on a person's life?* Ask group members to explain their answers. Lead the group to recall significant events in the life of David. Ask: *How did the experiences of David lead to thankfulness? How should our experiences lead to thankfulness?* Complete the Summarize and Challenge step as written.