

News Story Summary

Following a daring rescue last month, three mountain climbers thanked rescue teams for risking their lives to save one of them. Crews rescued Brian Kooienga who fell 40 feet while climbing Lone Eagle Peak in Grand County, Colorado. The fall broke two of Brian's ribs, 11 of the small bones in his spine, his tailbone, and caused a lung to partially collapse. After three attempts, rescue crews were able to hoist Brian off the mountain, using a Blackhawk helicopter. The climbers are grateful for the men and women who save lives.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the phrase "climbers thank rescue teams.")

Focus Attention

Following the Discuss idea under Focus Attention, share the news story summary about the mountain climbers' appreciation for the rescue teams. Ask: *What skills were required of the rescue teams? How might this story have been different if no skilled rescue teams had been available?* Lead group members to discuss how this story supports the question in the Discuss idea: "Is the purpose [of the skills and talents] different for everyone or the same?" Complete the step as written.

Summarize and Challenge

After reading the session summary statement in the Review idea under Summarize and Challenge, after responses to the question, "How does today's lesson illustrate this truth," remind the group of the news story and lead them to discuss how the skills of the rescue teams were used to accomplish a specific task. Ask: *What kind of difference might we make when we use our skills to intentionally accomplish God's purposes?* Complete the step as written.