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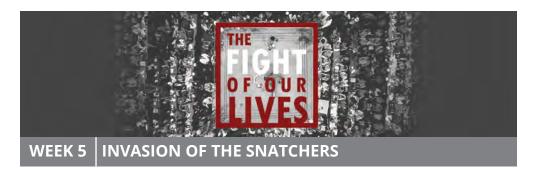
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PRAYER

Lord God, in the same way you snatched me from the fire of death, hell, and the grave, help me be aware of how your Holy Spirit moves me to help others also be snatched and placed in the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life in you! Help us to start living and enjoying life the way you intended it to be lived: in your eternal joy. In Jesus' name, Amen.

WARM UP

Tell us about a time when you were saved or rescued, or when you helped someone who was in trouble. What happened and how did you respond?

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²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²² And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³ save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

Jude 1:20-23

Jude speaks firstly about the importance of being both filled and led in life by the Holy Spirit. He then goes on to mention the role that Spirit-empowerment plays, not only in remaining in God's love and mercy as a way of life, but also in helping others come into a place of knowing Jesus' love and mercy for themselves.

■ GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

- 1. On a scale from 1 to 10, how would you rate your ability to communicate to others about what you believe with regards to your faith? Why do you rate yourself this way?
- 2. Jude describes the believers in the church he addresses as "beloved". Do you believe that God also calls you "beloved"? Why or why not?
- 3. Do you like to pray? Why or why not? If you do pray, do you ever ask the Holy Spirit what he would like you to pray for, or do you just "wing it"?
- 4. Are there any people God is leading you to help "snatch out of the fire" or to show mercy with fear towards? Who are they and how can we pray for them as a Life Group/Church?
- 5. If you are a follower of Christ, how far are you willing to go to help others find him? If you are not yet a follower of Christ, and if Jesus is the one true God, how far do you think followers should go to share their God with you? Why?

