

OUR EVER-PRESENT HELP

PSALM 46

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he,
amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.

-Martin Luther

I. The Protection of God

II. The Presence of God

III. The Power of God

Small Group Application Questions

Getting to Know You

1. What is the most secure location you have ever seen or visited? What made it so secure?

Into the Bible

2. God promised that He would be a refuge and safety to His people. In what ways did God prove faithful to this promise in Israel's history? Look at Exodus 14, Judges 7, 2 Chronicles 20, and 2 Kings 6 for some ideas.

3. Although God promises to be a refuge and a guard to His people, there are times when they experience defeat at the hands of their enemies. Why does this happen? Did God break His promise? Look at Numbers 14:39, Joshua 7, and 2 Chronicles 28 for examples. Then look at Leviticus 26 and 1 Kings 8:33-34 to help think through why defeat happened.

Application

4. In what ways is God with us now? How does he help to guide, direct, and defend us?

5. What will it look like for God to dwell with us in the future? Look at Revelation 21 and 22. What are some things that are present because God is present with His people? What are some things that are absent? How does this give us strength and hope right now?

For Families

6. Talk with your children about a time when God protected you. Help them to understand how they can know that God is with them, even in times of pain or difficulty.