

## DOING LIFE TOGETHER

10. There can be many obstacles to trusting God as protector. Are there any fears or anxieties you need to overcome in order to trust God in the way we've discussed today?

11. This psalm about God's role as protector was sung by a group of people traveling together in order to help keep one another safe. What role does a community group like ours play in protecting from evil?

How can we play this role for one another in our current season?

### Prayer Requests

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May 17, 2020

**Discovering God in the Storms of Life**

Esther, The Queen of Persia

Esther 4:12-17

What will I do on Monday with what I have learned on Sunday?

## GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

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### THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. Where do you typically turn for comfort or relief in times of difficulty?
2. How do the storms of life tend to bring out the truth about who or what we trust most in life?

### DIGGING DEEPER

READ PSALM 121:1-8

3. Throughout the passage, different English words (keep, watch) are used to translate the same Hebrew word (shamar). Which of these uses speak most powerfully to you right now?

Why?

4. The psalmist affirmed God as the maker of heaven and earth while talking about God as helper on his specific pilgrimage. Why does this matter?

What difference does this make when we think about turning to God in times of trial?

5. Verses 3-6 make reference to traveling by day and resting at night. What kinds of dangers might the Israelites have faced during both of these times?

6. What different kinds of trials might you face in various seasons of life?

What trials are you facing now?

7. Look back at verses 7 and 8. How can we balance the promise in these verses with passages like John 15:18-25 and Mark 8:34?

Why is this important to grasp?

How can this encourage us in the midst of hardship?

8. Though God certainly is our keeper through our entire life's journey, what is the most fundamental way He has acted as our keeper? Read Romans 5:6-11 for help.

9. Have you come to realize that the most fundamental way God has kept or rescued you is by sending Jesus to take the wrath of God that you deserved?

If not, how is God calling you to respond today?