

## News Story Summary

Tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes and volcanoes are all powerful forces of nature. While scientists, physicists, and meteorologists have learned a tremendous amount of information about these phenomena, they can't always predict the timing of these events.

On August 29, some tourists got an unexpected front-row seat to a spectacular volcanic eruption. While they were taking a boat tour in Papua New Guinea, the Tavurvur volcano exploded with great fanfare ... and some of the tourists caught the whole event on video. Their videos show the eruption and an intense sonic boom that followed.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term "Papua New Guinea volcano eruption 2014".)

## Focus Attention

Begin today's discussion by asking group members: *What do you think is the most powerful force of nature?* (Hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, volcanoes) Allow time for friendly discussion.

Share the story of the Tavurvur volcano eruption last month. If possible, share the video found using the search term above.

Comment that power takes many forms.

*Say: Power takes many forms. As fascinating and dramatic as a volcanic eruption is, it doesn't compare to what we'll see in the Scripture today. In our study of Hebrews 2:14-18, we will examine the greatest force of power ever known—the power of God's Son who took on human nature to free us from sin and death.*

## Challenge

Refer to the volcanic eruption video. Ask: *How would witnessing the eruption of a volcano in person change your thinking about volcanos? Do you think those tourists have a new respect for the power of a volcanic eruption? Why?*

*Say: As hard as we try, we are not capable of breaking the power of sin on our own. We need the power of Jesus Christ.*

*Ask: How has your personal experience of Jesus' power over sin changed your life? What are you doing to share that amazing power with others who need to experience His forgiveness and grace?*

Close in prayer, thanking God for Jesus' power over sin and asking Him for boldness in sharing that news with others.