



Session 10: Awestruck
Suggested Week of Use: May 3, 2015
Core Passages: Habakkuk 3:1-6, 11-13, 16-19

News Story Summary

Stepping up the U.S. response to Iran backing rebels in Yemen, the Pentagon dispatched an aircraft carrier (the USS Theodore Roosevelt) to the waters surrounding Yemen. The carrier will support other U.S. ships in the area intercepting Iranian weapons headed to Yemen. The biggest impact might be the picture of force this aircraft carrier brings to the region. This ship carries multiple fighter jets and other resources.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the sentence “USS Theodore Roosevelt to Yemen”)

Focus Attention

As group members arrive, lead them to consider ways aircraft carriers and other modern warships serve as a deterrent. After most have arrived, draw attention to the news story about the moving of the USS Theodore Roosevelt near Yemen. Propose that the goal is to provide sufficient resources to accomplish a military mission.

Ask: When you consider the massive size and capabilities of ships such as the USS Theodore Roosevelt, what words come to mind? Highlight any words that deal with awe.

Ask rhetorically: What is it about God that would cause us to have the same reaction? Explain that Habakkuk consider God and His power, and became awestruck. Challenge the group to consider their response to God’s greatness as they study this session.

Challenge

Draw attention to the news story about the USS Theodore Roosevelt, emphasizing the respect for the power it represents. Challenge the group to think about how they respect the power of God in their lives.

Ask: How does the strength of God impact how you interact with the world? Are you encouraged and emboldened knowing that you have God as your advocate?

Prayer: Encourage group members to pair up and share the battles they are facing now. Lead the group to pray for each other to have the boldness to claim the victories that God is setting before them.