



Session 3: WORTHY!  
Suggested Week of Use: June 19, 2016  
Core Passages: 1 Samuel 5:1-6; 6:11-16

### **News Story Summary**

Earlier this month (June 6), veterans and family members gathered to commemorate the 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Normandy Invasion. At the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, veterans placed wreaths at the memorial's Atlantic Arc. Other ceremonies took place at various points along the cliffs of Normandy. A few surviving soldiers made the trip to France even though most who fought in that battle are now in their 90s. Henry Breton of Augusta, Maine was one of the survivors who attended the ceremony at the American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer. When asked about returning to the area, he noted that the trip was worth it for him because it brought back so many memories.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the phrase "Normandy Invasion Anniversary")

### **Focus Attention**

To supplement the Focus Attention idea in More Ideas (p. 42, adult *Explore the Bible Leader Guide*), begin by sharing about the commemoration of the Normandy Invasion (D-Day). Ask: *Why is it important to remember events like the Normandy Invasion? How does commemorating it help us today?* Invite volunteers to identify local monuments and their significance. Complete the activity as written.

### **Challenge**

To supplement the Challenge idea under Summarize and Challenge (p. 41, adult *Explore the Bible Leader Guide*), remind the group of the commemoration the Normandy Invasion. Ask: *How did that shared experience create a bond between the soldiers who survived that battle?* Emphasize the importance of shared experiences in general. Lead the group to complete the second questions set as explained in the Leader Guide.