

## Session 5 Viewer Guide

### Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Rick said, "Every problem has a purpose, and the purpose is to teach you a lesson. What happens to you is not as important as what happens in you." What do you think God is trying to teach you through the difficulties you are facing right now, and how does he want you to respond?
2. When did you run from a difficult situation? When did you stay in a difficult situation? How did your response in each situation shape your character?
3. What outcome from your difficulty do you believe will bring the most glory to God?
4. What kind of trouble have you encountered because of a mistake you made in responding to a difficulty? How did God deliver you in that situation?

### Prayer Direction

If you are in the difficulty phase of faith, call on the Lord as your Shield (see Psalm 28:7). Ask him to give you strength and courage and to protect you from Satan. Pray for anyone in your group who is going through a storm right now.

### Putting It into Practice

Take a few minutes this week to review each step in the outline from Pastor Rick's lesson, and ask yourself, "How does this step apply to the difficulty I'm facing?"

Don't start drifting through life. Don't throw away those values and relationships that you know are important. Don't throw away your relationship with God, or going to church, or being a part of your small group, or reading your Bible. Don't drift. Don't discard. Don't despair. Instead, turn to God and never give up hope.