

APPLYING SCRIPTURE

GROUP ACTIVITY

Create groups of 3. Turn to pages 77–78 of the student text. Each group appoint a reporter and recorder.

- Discuss this situation: _____
_____.
- Answer the following questions:
 - How do these scriptures give courage to the encourager?
 - What kind of encouragement is needed? Give specific scriptural ways to minister.

Time: ten minutes to discuss; three to five minutes to report



**ENCOURAGEMENT
PRINCIPLE #5**

*God's Word is the
directing force behind
encouragement.*

ASSIGNMENT FOR NEXT WEEK

- Watch Chapter 6 Encouragement Stories video at ww.treasuresofencouragement.org.
- Read and complete Chapter 6 and the Staying Focused questions, noting specific scriptures and statements in your journal that God uses to grab your attention.
- Call your prayer partner at least once this week to check on prayer needs and review memory work. Personalize the Praying Scripture and record in your journal.
- Review your **Village Handout**. Who needs specific encouragement?
- Review Hebrews 10:19–21. Memorize Hebrews 10:22.
- Complete your group encouragement assignment.
- Start thinking about how you want to be remembered.
- Review back of book Appendices #1 and #2 encouragement ideas for ideas on how to offer biblical encouragement to one person this week.

■ **Bonus:** Listen to the Help & Hope podcast

- *How Does God Meet Us in Suffering? — A Conversation with Vaneetha Risner*
- *Finding Joy in the Hard Places with Autism — A Conversation with Paul and Jill Miller*



PRAYING SCRIPTURE

*With my whole heart I seek You, let me not wander from Your commandments!
Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. Make me
understand the way of Your precepts, and I will meditate on Your wondrous works.
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

PSALM 119:10, 18, 27, 105

