



**GraceWay Church Groups**  
**Discussion Guide**  
**Sept. 14 - 20, 2025**

“In The Wake Of Tragedy”

**Open It**

1. When you were a child, who was someone you looked up to as brave or courageous, and what about them inspired you?

**Read It** (Psalm 46)

2. Observe how God is described in **verse 1** and then define what each of those three descriptions mean?
3. Compare the description of the city of God in **verses 4-5** with the description of the world in **verses 2-3**. What is different between the two?
4. The remainder of this Psalm describes God’s work in this world to bring down everything that opposes His kingdom for the sake of His people and His name. What do you learn from these verses?

**Get It**

5. *Evil is real, but it doesn't win.* Read **John 10:10**. If the enemy can't keep us from being saved, he strives to keep us from being used. Why is it important to acknowledge the reality of evil while also clinging to hope in Christ?
6. *Truth is Immortal.* Think of Saul's transformation into Paul, or the crucifixion that led to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, or Lazarus who was dead for 4 days, and Jesus called out his name and Lazarus came out of the grave alive. What do these stories tell us about God's power? How do they give us hope when everything feels unstable?
7. *Grieve with Faith, not Fear.* Read **1 Thess. 4:13-14**. Discuss this passage. What’s the difference between grieving with faith and grieving with fear? How have you seen God bring peace in the midst of grief?
8. *Pray Like the Early Church.* Read **Acts 12:5**. What does it look like to pray EARNESTLY? Why do you think the church’s first response to Peter’s imprisonment was united prayer instead of panic, strategy, or fear? What does that reveal about their faith?
9. *Pick Up the Torch.* In times of tragedy, what does it look like to carry forward faith for others who are hurting?

**Apply It**

10. This week, commit to taking one bold step of faith that you've been hesitating to take. Whether it's sharing your faith with someone, following through on baptism, joining a church, serving in ministry, or standing up for biblical truth in your workplace or community - identify what torch God is calling you to pick up and take concrete action.
11. How can we pray for you this week?