

Bomb Shelter

TOPIC: Forgiveness

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

SUPPLIES: photocopy of the "Character Descriptions" handout

Before the game, photocopy the "Character Descriptions" handout and cut apart the descriptions.

Give each person a character description. Explain to the players that they're going to pretend the world is on the verge of nuclear war. Fortunately, they have a bomb shelter that can hold half the group. As a group, they must decide who gets to go in the bomb shelter. As individuals, their goal is to get themselves in the bomb shelter, but also to choose other people. Give the group several minutes to talk about their decisions.

If you have more than eighteen people, you'll need more than one copy of the handout, and players will need to form teams to play. Adjust the number of character descriptions you hand out to match the number of people on each team.

DISCUSSION

- Who did you decide to put in the bomb shelter? Why?
- What was it like to try to convince the group that you should go in the shelter?
- What made this game easy or difficult?
- Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. Who is "wicked" in God's eyes? Who inherits the kingdom of heaven? How?
- Would God have decided to save the same people you decided to save? Explain.
- How does this game relate to God's forgiveness?

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You succeed in everything you do.

You're a high school student with a GPA of 1.7.

You're a famous artist.

You're a criminal. You were convicted of murder, but you've changed dramatically since being in prison.

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You're a gang leader.

You're a politician.

You're a basketball player.

You're a mom of three kids and president of the PTA.

You're a high school teacher.

You're a single dad of two kids.

You're a prisoner, and you plan to commit more crimes when you get out.

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You're an atheist.

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