

Friendship Group Discussion Questions 4/02/2017 (2 pages)

Sermon: "Gimme Shelter" – Psalm 18:1–3 ESV

I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

1. Michael opened the sermon with the story of the three little pigs. Did you grow up in a house of straw, sticks, or brick? How does this analogy make you think about your life now?
2. Discuss this quote: "Everyone has a theology. It may be a very shoddy one, and if it is shoddy, it will rise to haunt one in a crisis of life." - Carl F. H. Henry
3. When you don't seek shelter in God, where do you turn for comfort and/or protection?
4. Read the following scripture: Luke 6:46–49 ESV

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great."

5. What do you make of Jesus' warning to those who hears and doesn't do versus the one who does?
6. Was there a story from Michael's trip to the Middle East that stuck with you? What was it and why?

Prayer focus: Pray for the persecuted church and what God would have you and the church do next. Pray for freedom from fear.