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Jesus, My Rescuer (Genesis 16:1-16)

Warmup: Have you been in a situation where you rescued someone or where you were rescued?

READ & CONSIDER Genesis 16:1-16

- What actions and emotions occur to make Hagar run away into the wilderness?
- Who met Hagar in the wilderness? What characteristics of a rescuer does the Angel of the LORD display?
- With the person sitting next to you, reflect on Hagar's experience in the wilderness. Can you recall a time in your life when you felt abandoned or isolated?

REFLECT & RESPOND

- The Angel of the Lord asked Hagar to tell her story. Why would he ask her to do that if he already knew her story?
- Do you agree with this quote: "People start to heal the moment they feel heard"? Why or why not?
- Who within your world is not being heard? This week, how can you offer dignity to others, as Jesus does, and ensure their voice is heard?

APPLICATION

- Hagar did not have a support system other than the Lord. How will you lean into Jesus and your faith community as you go through a tough season?
- Hagar's encounter with the angel revealed God's presence and provision in unexpected ways. How can you remain open to experiencing God's presence in unexpected ways?
- The Lord delivered Hagar from despair and gave her hope. With the celebration of Easter approaching, how is Jesus' resurrection, and His resurrection power in you, giving you new hope this week? How will you share your living hope with others?

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