Our Safe Refuge

An *osuwa* was a circle of stones that provided a safe refuge among the *Yali* tribespeople of New Guinea.

**God has provided a refuge where people may flee for safety.**

**1. God provided *cities* for refuge**

Numbers 35:6-28. This refuge—

A. Was limited to *accidental homicide*

B. Provided for a *fair trial*

C. Included temporary *confinement*

**2. God provided a *Savior* for refuge**

Hebrews 6:13-18. This refuge—

A. Is available for all *people* & all *sins*

B. Does away with *our trial*

John 5:24

C. Makes us *free indeed*

John 8:31-36

**3. God sends out *proclaimers* of refuge**

*Lords of the Earth*, by Don Richardson tells the story of Stanley Dale’s work and martyrdom among the *Yali* people of New Guinea.

**Conclusion**

Urge people to *flee* to Jesus for refuge

**For additional study or family discussion**

1. What did the Lord say to you today through His word? Did you learn some new truth about God or yourself? Did the Lord challenge you, convict you, or encourage you?

2. The Greek word *katapheugo* is usually translated “flee,” “flee for refuge,” or “take refuge.” It is used twice in the New Testament and several times in the Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament. Here are some examples (read before and after the indicated verse to see who is fleeing where and why).

Genesis 19:20

Numbers 35:25-26

Deuteronomy 4:42

Joshua 20:9

Psalm 142:9

Acts 14:6

Hebrews 6:18

3. Why should we *flee* to Jesus?

* How great is the danger from which we flee?
* How closely does that danger pursue us?
* How secure is our refuge in Him?