

## **Introduction: What is a rescue?**

Rescue: to save someone from a dangerous or distressing situation; to keep from being lost or abandoned; retrieve.

## **What do great rescues have in common?**

1. A great plan
2. **The right people\***
3. Innovative methods
4. Perfect timing
5. Flawless execution

**God's "Special Ops" team to execute His plan**

- The Magi
- Zacharias and Elizabeth
- Mary
- Joseph
- Quirinius
- Shepherds
- Simeon
- Anna

**Three specific truths to treasure and apply:**

**Truth #1 –**

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are overrated
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are underrated

**Truth #2 –**

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are overrated
- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are underrated

**Truth #3 –**

- \_\_\_\_\_ God is overrated
- \_\_\_\_\_ God is underrated

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What struck you about the people God chose to execute His plan to rescue humanity?
2. What characteristics did these people have in common?
3. Why does God use “unlikely” people to accomplish His purposes?  
(See 1 Corinthians 1:18-31)
4. In view of Gods’ rescue plan, what hope do you have that God can and will use you?
5. What’s your next step?