

### **Kickoff question**

When you hear the word "snake," what comes to your mind?

### **Introduction**

There is an ancient story that Jesus refers to in John 3:15, the verse just prior to the most quoted verse in the Bible. "As Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up." Let's explore this story to help us better understand what Jesus taught about salvation.

### **Reflect on the following questions**

- 1) From the story about Moses lifting up the snake in the wilderness, what are some things we can learn from the story of Israel complaining against God during their journey to Canaan?
- 2) Read John 3:14-17. Why do you think Jesus compared His future death on the cross with Moses lifting up the snake in the wilderness?
- 3) Read John 3:17 again. If God had wanted to condemn the world, what might he have done? Why do you think God sent His Son?
- 4) Read Luke 19:1-10. What was it that brought salvation to Zacchaeus' house?
- 5) Why is it so difficult for people to simply believe the Word of God and do what He asks them to do?
- 6) According to the following passages, what is the significance of baptism for a person who has accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord?
  - a. Mark 16:16
  - b. Matthew 28:19
  - c. Matthew 3:14-17
  - d. Acts 2:38

### **Life application question**

How do you respond to the Scripture we've discussed today?

"Lord Jesus, I choose to look to You and live. I believe that  
You have come that I might have life in all its fullness."