

# MOVE THE CHAINS

## STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF JOSHUA

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### **Read Joshua 20 (Compare with Deuteronomy 19 and Numbers 35)**

List out what the text describes as the primary functions of a city of refuge. What parallels do you see for a church wanting to be a refuge for people?

The cities were located throughout the country for easy access when people were in crisis. How can we make the gospel accessible to more people? Bibles and churches are readily available in America. Do you think that's the same as being accessible?

The cities of refuge were for people who did things on accident. Is it even valid to apply this concept to those of us who have intentionally sinned? How do we offer people refuge when we know they're not innocent?

As Jesus hung on the cross, he prayed, "Father, forgive them for they don't know what they're doing." This was a prayer for the people who were purposely executing him. How does his expansion of refuge to the guilty change things?

Can you think of a person who has provided refuge for you? What did it look like? Who is someone you might be able to offer refuge to?