



In the Face of DISASTER

Icebreaker Activity

Leader Preparations & Supplies:

1. Print each disaster icon below on a single-sided, separate sheet of paper or cardstock.

The icons included are:

- **Severe Winter Weather** such as a blizzard or ice storm ([snowflake](#))
- **Fire** ([flame](#))
- **Tornado or Windstorm** ([funnel cloud](#))
- **Flood, Lightning, or Rainstorm** ([storm cloud](#))
- **Weathering Any Storm** such as hurricane, earthquake, drought, etc. ([umbrella](#))

2. Attach the printed icons to different walls around the room in advance of the meeting.

Activity Instructions:

1. **Ask** program participants to think of a disaster they have lived through that impacted them personally. **Note:** If a participant has not personally experienced a natural disaster, ask them to consider which type of disaster concerns them most.
2. Next, **tell** participants to note the disaster icons spread around the room. **Instruct** them to stand under the icon that represents the disaster they recalled in #1.
3. Once everyone has selected their icon, have participants in each group take a few minutes to **discuss** and **compare** their experiences with one another. *What was the same? What was different? Why was it impactful?*
4. Once everyone returns to their seat, you can ask each “icon” to **share** a brief group summary if time permits. This activity is intended to take between 5-10 minutes.

NOTE: *Keep in mind that participants who have experienced disaster may not be ready to talk about past experiences. Please respect their wishes if they choose not to participate.*



Severe Winter Weather



Fire



Tornado or Windstorm



**Flooding, Lightning, or
Rainstorm**



Weathering Any Storm

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