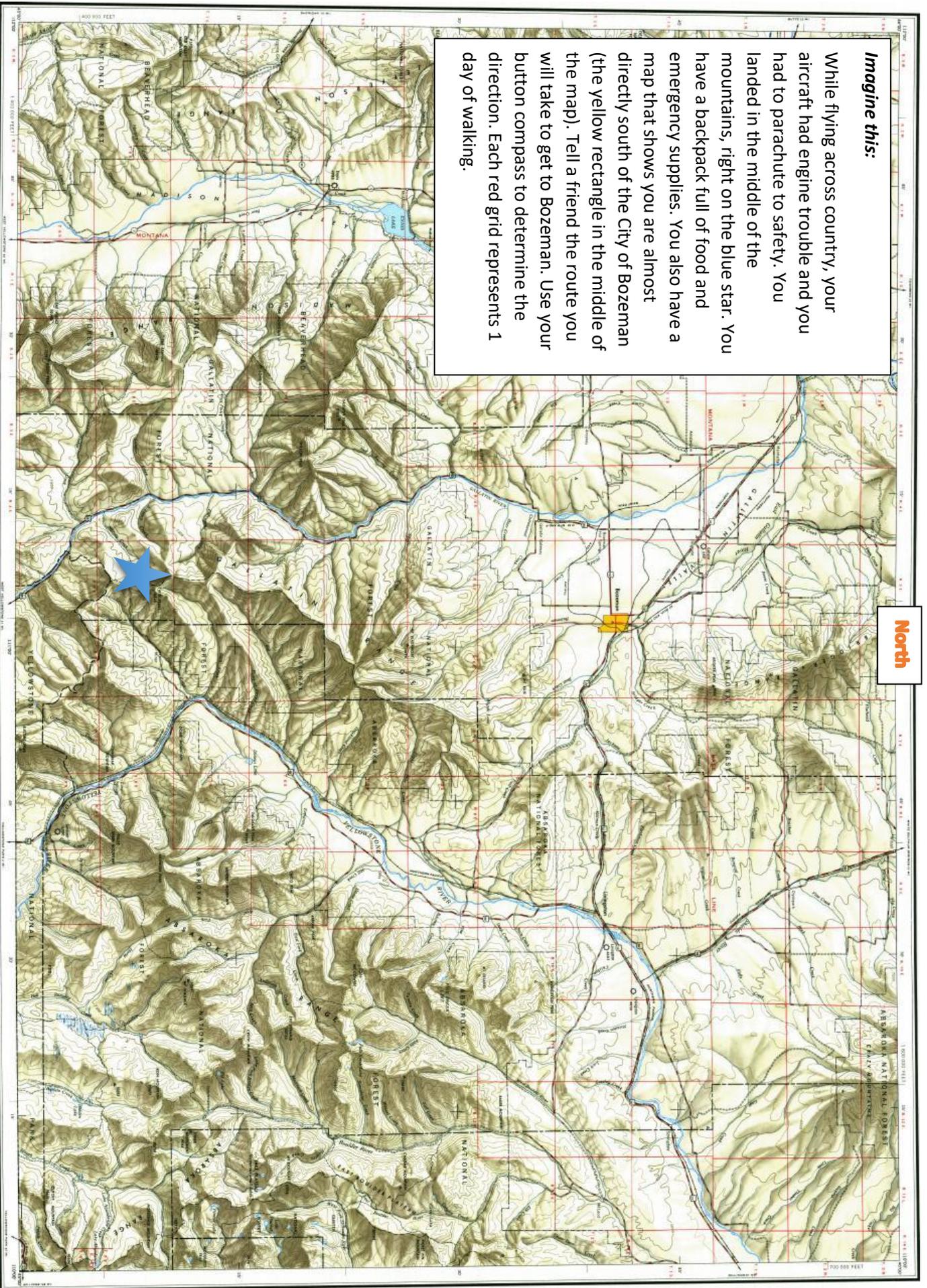


**Imagine this:**

While flying across country, your aircraft had engine trouble and you had to parachute to safety. You landed in the middle of the mountains, right on the blue star. You have a backpack full of food and emergency supplies. You also have a map that shows you are almost directly south of the City of Bozeman (the yellow rectangle in the middle of the map). Tell a friend the route you will take to get to Bozeman. Use your button compass to determine the direction. Each red grid represents 1 day of walking.

**North**



## Church in a Box - Mosaic Chapel May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

*Hello Mosaic Chapel and Friends,*

*Happy Memorial Day Weekend! We will not be gathering for Home Groups this weekend, so we put together a devotional for you to take wherever you may go. Be sure to carve out some time and share this activity with your family and/or friends. Enjoy! – Pastors Angela and Molly*

### **Step 1 – Map Activity: Use the button compass and map to complete the activity on the next page.**

**About your Button Compass:** This small compass will help you find North, East, South, and West. Within its tiny dial is a magnet. One end of this magnet is attracted to the North Pole, the other end is attracted to the South Pole. When you place this compass on a flat surface, the magnet will move the dial so that the “N” is pointing toward North. **\*\*Keep away from cell phones and other magnetic objects that may interfere with the accuracy of your compass.**

### **Step 2 – Devotional: Walking by Faith with a Trustworthy God**

Hopefully, after completing the Map Activity, you can imagine what it would be like to find yourself in the middle of the wilderness, trying to find your way to safety. When you have tall trees and mountains surrounding you, it can be hard to figure out where you are and which direction you are heading. This is why mountaineers always carry a compass and map. A trustworthy compass can help you find North, and when you find North you can also identify East, South, and West. When you pair your compass with a good map, you can identify landmarks (rivers, lakes, mountain peaks, etc.), find them on your map, then use the directional guidance from your compass to find a path to safety. This brings to mind a couple of verses from the Bible:

**Proverbs 3:5-6** – *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge (submit to) Him and He will make your paths straight.”*

**Psalms 119:105** – *“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”*

Finding God is like finding North. Our hearts are attracted to him like a compass is magnetically attracted to the North Pole. God’s Word, the Bible, is like a trustworthy map that helps guide us as we seek to find and follow God. He is unchanging, trustworthy, and true. There will be many times when our life circumstances crowd up around us, so we can’t see very far down the path of our future. It can be stressful and overwhelming to be in this type of situation. The best thing we can do is to re-focus or re-orient ourselves toward God. We read the Bible so we get to know God more and grow closer to Him. We pray and ask God to lead us into our future, and we keep walking forward! It takes courage to walk by faith.

**Discuss:** *What are some uncertainties you are facing? How can you bring them to God and “acknowledge” or “submit” them to Him?*

**Pray:** *“Father, help me to find and acknowledge you in everything I do. You are unchanging, trustworthy and true. Please give me the courage to keep walking forward, even when I can’t see my way through circumstances that feel like the deepest wilderness. Amen.”*