



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 8: God Renews
Suggested Week of Use: October 25, 2020
Core Passage: Isaiah 40:18-31

News Story Summary

Legendary Chicago Bears running back, Gale Sayers, recently died at age 77. He only played seven seasons, but he is considered one of the greatest running backs in NFL history. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame at age 34, the youngest player ever inducted. His accomplishments included scoring six touchdowns in one game and leading the league in rushing even after a serious knee injury. Hearing of his death, former teammates and NFL executives had nothing but great things to say about Sayers. “Gale was an electrifying and elusive runner who thrilled fans every time he touched the ball,” said NFL Commissioner, Roger Goodell.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “Gale Sayers dies at age 77”).

Focus Attention

To replace the Begin idea under Focus Attention, share information about Gale Sayers, emphasizing ways other running backs are compared to him on and off the field. Note that Mr. Sayers recently died, reminding people again of the things he accomplished in his life. Ask: *How can a comparison be flattering? How can a comparison lead to trouble?* Call attention to the first paragraph in the Personal Study Guide or Daily Discipleship Guide. Complete the step using the Transition idea.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Review idea under Summarize and Challenge, remind the group of the accomplishments of Gale Sayers during his life. Emphasize that as good as he was on the field, injuries caused him to retire from football. Explain that the aging of our bodies is just one reminder of the distinction between Creator and creation. Complete the step as written.