



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 8: Rejected

Suggested Week of Use: January 24, 2021

Core Passage: Luke 4:16-30

News Story Summary

Frank Reich, the head coach for the Indianapolis Colts football team, made several decisions in the Colts' playoff game against the Buffalo Bills on Saturday, January 9, 2021, that caused some fan to wonder if those decisions resulted in the Colts' loss to the Bills, with a final score of 27-24. The first decision being questioned took place prior to halftime. Reich chose to go for a touchdown on a fourth-down play instead of kicking an almost-sure field goal from the four-yard line. The Colts did not score. Then, in the fourth quarter, Reich challenged a call on the field. The call was confirmed and cost the team a timeout that might have been helpful late in the game. Some also disagreed with Reich's decisions to kick two field goals, both in the first quarter.

For more information, research "Reich's playoff game decisions"

Focus Attention

To replace the ideas under Focus Attention, as the group arrives share the story about the Colts' loss and fans' questioning Reich's decisions even though those decisions may or may have changed the outcome of the game. Allow the group to discuss how any of these decisions highlighted might or might not have impacted the outcome of the game. Emphasize how one decision can be connected to other decisions made. Say: *Today's study looks at how one decision impacted the future outcome.* Challenge the group to look for decisions made in today's passage and how each decision led them either closer to or farther from the truth.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Review idea under Summarize and Challenge, begin by reminding the group of the disagreement expressed by some over Reich's decisions in the Colts' loss. Emphasize that, unfortunately, some people will spend more time thinking about Reich's decisions than about their own decision whether to follow Christ. Complete the step as written.