



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 10: Forgives

Suggested Week of Use: February 7, 2021

Core Passage: Luke 5:17-26

News Story Summary

On Sunday, February 7, 2021, the Kansas City Chiefs and Tampa Bay Buccaneers will play each other in the fifty-fifth Super Bowl. Kansas City will be defending their title won last year, while Tampa Bay becomes the first team to play and host the game. In the two weeks leading up to the game, many have focused on the two starting quarterbacks, Patrick Mahomes and Tom Brady, portraying the game as a match between the greatest quarterback of all time (Brady) versus the person who wants to take that title (Mahomes). The two players have faced each other four times, with each winning two of the four games.

For more about this story, search “Mahomes versus Brady in Super Bowl”

Focus Attention

To supplement the Respond idea under Focus Attention, invite the group as they arrive, to share their thoughts about the two teams playing in the Super Bowl this year. Highlight responses that focus on the two starting quarterbacks, Patrick Mahomes and Tom Brady. Share a summary of the article, noting that many are identifying Brady as the greatest to play the position and Mahomes as a younger player wanting to one day carry that title. Ask: *What does the way people describe the two quarterbacks reveal about their expectations for that player?* Emphasize the connection between the descriptions and expectations. Call attention to the question at the beginning of the introduction (What do the common descriptions reveal about a person’s expectations of Jesus?). Allow volunteers to share their responses. Complete the step as written, using the Transition idea.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Review idea, call attention to the two starting quarterbacks in this year’s Super Bowl. Ask: *To what characteristics do people point when explaining why Mahomes or Brady deserve the credit for their teams being in the Super Bowl?* After allowing responses, ask: *To what characteristic should we point when explaining why Jesus deserve our attention and honor?* Direct the group to the summary statements under Apply the Text for reference. Emphasize that Jesus alone deserves our worship since only through faith in Him can our sin be forgiven. Complete the step as written.