



## EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 11: Sacrificed

Suggested Week of Use: May 16, 2021

Core Passage: Luke 3:33-46

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### **News Story Summary**

Police began getting calls at 1:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9 about a speeding vehicle headed in the wrong direction on I-275 in Tampa. Moments later they received calls saying the speeding vehicle had collided with a marked patrol vehicle. Both drivers died including Officer Jesse Madsen, a former U.S. Marine, who had in the past received seven life-saving awards. Officer Madsen was on his way home at the time of the incident. The police chief said they had reason to believe that Officer Madsen veered into the oncoming car to protect others.

For more about this story, search “Tampa officer sacrificed himself to save others”.

### **Focus Attention**

To replace the ideas under Focus Attention, share the story about Officer Jesse Madsen. Note that the police chief had reason to believe the collision was deliberate and that authorities believe the officer’s actions saved lives of citizens. Ask: *Why might a person sacrifice his life for others?* Explain that today’s session focuses on the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Challenge the group to look for reasons Jesus sacrificed Himself for us.

### **Summarize and Challenge**

To supplement the Respond idea under Summarize and Challenge, review the story about the actions of Officer Madsen. Emphasize that Officer Madsen was honored because he possibly sacrificed his life to save others. Explain that Jesus knowingly sacrificed His life so that all who believe in Him could have forgiveness of sin. Lead the group to identify ways of honoring Jesus for His sacrifice. If not shared, characterize accepting His sacrifice as being one way we honor Jesus. Challenge the group to look for specific ways they can honor Jesus this week. Conclude the group time following the suggestions under Pray.