



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 7: The Gospel's Power
Suggested Week of Use: October 17, 2021
Core Passage: Colossians 1:9-23

News Story Summary

Governor Tony Evers of Wisconsin has issued a total of 263 pardons in his first two years and eight months in office. He signed an executive order in September to expedite the pardoning process by allowing certain nonviolent offenses to be sent directly to his office, bypassing the need for a hearing with the Pardon Advisory Board. There are many success stories from those recipients that have been pardoned, and Evers said he believes in forgiveness, the power of redemption, and the people of Wisconsin.

For more about this story, search “Gov. Tony Evers grants 71 pardons over summer, speeds up application”.

Focus Attention

To supplement the Highlight idea under Focus Attention, after discussing the pardon of the two men by George Washington, discuss the news story about the pardons offered by Gov. Tony Evers. Highlight to the group what prompted Evers to issue the pardons. Focus on the opportunities that have been afforded to those who were pardoned. Note any similarities between the Washington story and the Evers story.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Meditate idea under Summarize and Challenge, begin by reminding the group of the article about Governor Evers. Direct the group to focus on how those pardoned may have felt before the pardon and how they may feel after being pardoned. Allow them to share potential emotions felt. Complete the step as written, leading the group in silent contemplation recalling how they felt before coming to Christ and their victories after coming to Christ.