



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 5: God Saves
Suggested Week of Use: October 4, 2020
Core Passage: Isaiah 25:1-10a

News Story Summary

In early September, a family gathered at El Dorado Ranch Park in Yucaipa, California, for a gender reveal party. A pyrotechnic device, which was to reveal whether the baby was a boy or girl, was set off, starting a fire. The family tried to put it out with bottles of water, but it was beyond them. Soon the fire had grown to 8,600 acres with only seven percent of it contained. Although family members have been cooperating with authorities, the person who lit the device could be facing charges. He could also be liable for damages. A similar party in 2017 in Arizona caused a fire destroying 47,000 acres. The person responsible was ordered to pay \$8.2 million in restitution.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “A pyrotechnic device at a gender reveal party sparked one of the California wildfires, burning over 8,600 acres”.)

Focus Attention

To replace the Discuss idea under Focus Attention, share the information from the news article about the gender reveal that went wrong. Ask: *When have your best laid plans gone awry? Why?* Remind them of all the plans people had from weddings to graduations that were cancelled or altered due to the pandemic. Ask: *What are some reasons our plans go awry?* Complete the step as written using the Transition idea.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Review idea under Summarize and Challenge, begin by reminding the group of the news story about the gender reveal gone wrong. Remind the group of the restitution ruling for the Arizona fire and that person who ignited the pyrotechnics could face a call for restitution as well. Emphasize the expectation of restitution. Explain that when we sin, God offers to pay for that restitution though the death of His Son. Review the summary statements, calling on volunteers to share reasons for praising God for His offer of salvation. Complete the step as written.