



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 2: Saves

Suggested Week of Use: December 12, 2021

Core Passage: Ezekiel 11:2-4, 14-21

News Story Summary

Officer Ivan Sample works at the Louisville Metro Corrections facility. In November 2021, he helped save two inmates from drug overdoses by using Narcan (medicine used for narcotic overdoses) and doing CPR. Both men survived. He also helped save an inmate who had attempted to take his own life using a sheet. That inmate survived, too. And all three of those rescues happened on the same day. Officials with the facility say Officer Sample saved five people in the previous two weeks. Sample's commitment to the job has earned him the respect and gratitude of inmates, with some of them asking him to pray with them. And his efforts have not gone unnoticed by the community. This month, he will be honored by the Metro Louisville city council.

For more about this story, search "Louisville jail officer helps save lives of multiple inmates".

Focus Attention

To replace the Focus Attention ideas, direct the group to search on their smart phones to find stories about a person being saved or rescued. If they do not have a smart phone, encourage them to recount stories they have heard over the past few weeks. Allow them to summarize their stories. Share the story of the Louisville corrections officer who saved three inmates in one day and five people over a two-week period. Ask: *How might the actions of Officer Sample give the inmates under his watch hope?* Complete the step, using the Transition suggestion.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Review idea under Summarize and Challenge, remind the group of the story about Mr. Sample. Emphasize that the actions of Officer Sample give some inmates hope. Lead the group to identify the similarities between the officer's story and the story found in Ezekiel 11. Call attention to the lesson's summary statement: *God offers hope in the midst of judgment to those who trust in Him.* Point out that God saves people by restoring a right relationship with Him, and that salvation lasts for eternity. Complete the step as written, leading the group to reflect on the bulleted summary statements.