



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 3: Confronted

Suggested Week of Use: March 20, 2022

Core Passage: 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

News Story Summary

Mark Ingram, the all-time rushing leader for the New Orleans Saints, wished the best for former Head Coach Sean Payton as he stepped away from fifteen years of coaching the Saints. Ingram expressed his gratitude for Payton who drafted him, believed in him, and helped him to become a better football player. Ingram says that if Payton decided to coach again, he would play for him. However, he also wished him the best in whatever his future endeavors may be.

For more about this story, search “Mark Ingram excited to see what future holds for Sean Payton.”

Focus Attention

To supplement the Discuss idea under Focus Attention, after asking the group if they see the future as half-empty or half-full, read the article about Mark Ingram and Sean Payton. Ask the group to determine how Ingram sees the future of Payton as well as the future of the New Orleans Saints without Payton as the coach. Ask: *Does Ingram’s statement reflect a half-empty or half-full perspective? Explain.* Complete the step as written.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Review idea under Summarize and Challenge, review the article about Mark Ingram and Sean Payton. Explain that Ingram received encouragement and coaching from Payton which made him loyal to the coach. Ask: *How does what we receive from Jesus move us to loyalty to Him and the gospel?* Complete the step by reviewing the three summary statements under Apply the Text.