



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 13: Waiting

Suggested Week of Use: May 29, 2022

Core Passage: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

News Story Summary

Denzel Irving, a 26-year-old assistant North Carolina high school football coach, was diagnosed with a failing heart in late March and has placed on a waiting list for a transplant. Irving endured seven surgeries while waiting and suffered a stroke. He told of singing gospel songs and thinking about his daughter as he waited for the transplant. In addition to relying on his faith, Irving worked with a financial advisor, and drew from the support and love from his family and the Charlotte community. Nearly 700 donors contributed close to \$50,000 to cover his medical costs through GoFundMe. Within a month, a heart transplant was performed, and Irving walked out of the hospital six days later.

For more about this story, search “Butler HS coach receives heart transplant”.

Focus Attention

To supplement the Guide idea under Focus Attention, after completing the step as written, share the article about the assistant NC football coach, focusing on his waiting for a transplant. Lead the group to discuss the challenges and fears that the coach may have faced while waiting.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Review idea under Summarize and Challenge, after completing the step as written, remind the group about the NC football coach. Invite the group to propose ways Coach Irvin’s attitude may have impacted others as he waited. Ask: *How does what we do when waiting reveal our priorities?*