Forcing students to be together against their will usually doesn't work very well. One example is the way Woodlawn High School "turned into a war zone" when schools in Birmingham, Alabama, were forced to integrate about 40 years ago. But the school's story is also a good example of what can happen when people experience the love of Jesus. Woodlawn High School began to change the day a man named Hank asked permission to talk to the football team. When he shared the gospel with them (the good news that Jesus has a better way), 44 out of 48 players chose to give their lives to Christ. Their faith transformed the team, the school, and the community. Last year even more people heard the gospel when the movie *Woodlawn* shared the school's story with the world.

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Think About It . . .

- Why do you think Hank wanted to share the gospel with the players on the football team?
- Who are some people that you know who need the gospel?

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Lesson 10

Everyone Needs the Gospel

Divide the class into two groups. Tell each group to act out a situation in which they are sharing the gospel with others, such as Hank did. They should decide who they will talk to and what they will say. Some in each group could be those who share the gospel and others could be the ones who are listening. Remind students that they should choose a group of people who need the gospel. When the groups are ready, have them act out their situations. SAY: **Great job! You know, it wouldn't have mattered who you talked with, because everyone needs the gospel! Let's think about that as we dig into God's Word.**

How will you show love by sharing the gospel?

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