



GAME ON

Players' Coach

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Week 3
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Bottom Line: We are called to expose our children and others to the personal presence, power, people, and purpose of God.

Icebreaker: Share a favorite or funny memory of your father or father figure in your life.

Key Verse: *Follow me as I follow Christ.* 1 Corinthians 11:1

Practice what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and model your way of living on it, and the God of peace (of untroubled, undisturbed well-being) will be with you. Philippians 4:9 AMP

A great parent, outstanding teacher, stellar leader all have this in common: Their words are illustrated in living color by their lives. We've all heard the saying, "Don't do as I do; do as I say," but we all likewise know that is not the kind of leader we want to follow. We want to follow someone whose values and directions are so clear by example that we don't have to guess or explain or balance conflicting messages. Paul says our lives are to be so clear that if people follow our example, they can be sure they are living as Christ desires. He assured his Philippian friends that modeling their lives after him would result in God's peaceful, empowering presence in their lives.

The greatest single thing a person can model for those who watch him is a vital relationship with a personal God. Every child needs and deserves to know that his parent really knows God, knows how to pray, and communicates with God powerfully. That child needs to be sure that his/her parent knows God is on his side, with the provision for every need and the answer for every problem. Out of that first priority will flow relationships with God's people that will serve as further models for life, and opportunities to find life's greatest significance in being used by God.

The invitation to follow Jesus is not an invitation to get knowledge. It is an invitation to experience life to the fullest. Jesus said that when He is truly lifted up, He would draw or attract everyone to Him (John 12:32). When our lives lift up Jesus and put Him on display, He is irresistible. We don't need a plan to share; we need to live a life so attractive it compels an explanation.

THINK IT OVER >>>

What point of the message spoke to you most powerfully?

Who has modeled a vital, personal relationship with God to you, and how did they do it?

How can a person effectively model time for and with God?

Who has modeled gratitude for you in an understandable and compelling way?

How can one communicate regular giving habits and radical generosity without appearing to brag?

If you grew up in the church, share what benefits are yours because of that experience.

LOOK IT OVER <<<

What are the elements of authentic biblical community? Which do you most appreciate?

"It is an absolute human certainty that no one can know his own beauty or perceive a sense of his own worth until it has been reflected back to him in the mirror of another loving, caring human being."

– John Joseph Powell

How does being a part of a great Christian community do this?

"The greatest joy in life is the thrill of being used by God for a purpose greater than yourself." When have you known that joy? Who can you help by sharing and modeling this joy?

What does it take for a person's example to be a compelling invitation to experience real life? What must be absent, and what must be present?

NEXT STEPS

This week consider taking some next steps together as a group:

- 1) Share what you want to do with your family to be significantly used by God for a purpose greater than just your family.
- 2) Pray together for those experiences to come together.

EVALUATION/ACTION

Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

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Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at newpointe.org/daily:

Day 1: Psalm 112:1-7

Day 2: Proverbs 13:20

Day 3: 1 Timothy 4:12

Day 4: Colossians 3:17

Day 5: Psalm 122:1

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.
(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)