



GAME ON

Best Day Ever

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Week 1

1 of 4

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Bottom Line: God has given us gifts to help the body of Christ. We are called to serve.

Icebreaker: Ask the group to each share something they have done to serve that they are proud of, or some way another member has served that they appreciate.

Key Verse: *It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus. Long ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.* Ephesians 2:10

Jesus was very clear about our mission—it wasn't to pass on traditions or information, but to make disciples. When Jesus was on earth, He was infectious and contagious, constantly building transforming relationships with people. When we are Christ-followers, His church, we are collectively His body. It is our task to be infectious, contagious, and transforming.

Actually, it is much more than a task. It is our calling. My calling, your calling is fulfilling our God-given purpose. He has called us to be part of His body, bringing the hope of Jesus Christ to the world. The local church, living and giving Jesus Christ, is the hope of the world. We believe that because everyone will live forever somewhere, we have been created and transformed to serve. We believe that the greatest investment anyone can make after personal salvation is to commit themselves to taking that great opportunity to others.

It is significant that Jesus did make this call very personal, but it is not individually isolated. This is not a Lone-Ranger investment. That is why he calls us His BODY. Each of us have contributions to make if the mission is to be accomplished and done well. Just as with your body, your fingers have different jobs to do with different skills and abilities than your feet, and fingers and feet are both equally valuable and needed, we are part of His body. Our abilities and callings are all different and valuable, and it takes wholehearted commitment and service to fulfill the mission in the part of His world He has given us to serve.

Our greatest days are ahead as we do HIS work in HIS way!

THINK IT OVER >>>

Thinking back on the message, what impacted you most specifically?

"We have departed from many traditions most of us grew up with, not because they are necessarily bad, but because what had become common had gotten in the way of the mission of the local church." Discuss.

"Our desire is to create a church for those who don't like church." How has that worked in your experience?

"Depressed people can be the most self-centered people . . . serving others helps us look outside ourselves and our own issues." Agree or disagree? Why?

What's the difference between religion and having a relationship with Jesus?

LOOK IT OVER <<<

We serve God by serving others. Personally, how does it affect your service when you realize and remember it is truly serving God?

In the message we were reminded that serving is what really makes life meaningful. What's an experience you have had in serving others that is particularly meaningful?

When you consider that service done for Christ will be rewarded eternally, who will be rewarded who invested in your life?

Service can be inconvenient and difficult, but God calls us to be faithful. "Instead of asking for easier paths, we need to ask for stronger shoes." What would that mean for you? How can you up your faithfulness?

NEXT STEPS

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

- 1) Make a commitment to each other about how you will serve.
- 2) Pray for each other daily that the service will bear fruit.

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: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

Day 2: John 12:26

Day 3: 1 Peter 4:10

Day 4: 1 Corinthians 15:58

Day 5: Mark 8:35

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)