

Glory

Introduction

One of the greatest team sports memories of all time is the 1980's USA Hockey Team game against Russia. In the movie that told their story, *Miracle*, there was a scene where the coach keeps asking them, "Who do you play for?" He was trying to get them to understand they were there to "play for the name on the front of their jersey and not for the name on the back." It was all about who was going to get the glory, themselves or the team. As a Christian athlete, your head coach, God, is asking you "who do you play for? Do you play to receive glory for yourself or to give glory to God?"

Application

1. How does it affect a team when members are playing for themselves?
2. Who is someone you know that doesn't care about his or her own glory, but lays it all out for the team?

Bridge

1. Read 1 Corinthians 10:31: "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."
2. How can you use your sport to give God glory?
3. Read Philippians 4:19: "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."
4. As followers of Jesus, how do we get to share in His glory?

Connection

1. In everything, from sport to life, God wants us to give Him the glory. When we do, we realize we are playing for something bigger than ourselves. What is that "something bigger"?
2. How can you and your team give glory to God in your sport?

Discovery

Write down one way you are going to give God glory today and then share it.

Close

Memory Verse: "When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." Colossians 3:4

Bible Reference:

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Topic:

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