

## **Session 8: Take the Challenge**

### **What's My Role In The Great Commission?**

#### **READY**

With pride, we look back on past accomplishments. It will be even more fulfilling to look back at the end of the journey and know for sure that our lives counted for something big.

1. How do you think it would feel to be accepted into the Hall of Fame for your sport?

#### **Read Hebrews 11:30-39 for God's Faith Hall of Fame.**

If we allow fear—fear of change, the unknown, failure, ridicule, not following the crowd, our own inadequacies, or dozens of other things—to set the course for our lives, we'll miss many rich, fulfilling opportunities. God has a spot in His Faith Hall of Fame waiting for you.

#### **SET**

#### **You Were Created With A Purpose**

#### **Read Romans 8:28-30 and 2 Timothy 1:9.**

2. When did God set your purpose and destiny? Each person saved by faith in Jesus has an eternal purpose. What do you think God's "holy calling" for you might be now?

#### **The Great Mission**

We're drawn to stories of heroic deeds and great sacrifice because Ecclesiastes 3:11 states that God "planted eternity in [our] hearts." We were created for a great eternal purpose and destiny, but our purpose now is to join Jesus in His mission.

#### **Read Isaiah 61:1-3 to see Jesus' mission statement.**

3. What are the key elements of Jesus' mission outlined in this passage? Reread Isaiah 61:1-3 aloud and replace the word "me" with your name.

#### **GO**

#### **Your Great Commission**

Jesus has invited each of us to play a heroic role in His Great Mission. In the early church, people called Jesus' followers Christians (little Christs).

**Read Matthew 28:18-20.**

4. Matthew 28:18-20 records Jesus' final words, often called "The Great Commission." With what great task did He charge us? What needs to be our focus as His disciples?

**Read Hebrews 12:1-3 and 1 Peter 3:13-15.**

5. People don't end up in the Hall of Fame by sitting on the sidelines. They go for it! What characteristics of a winner do you see in Hebrews 12:1-3 and 1 Peter 3:13-15?

Every athlete who follows Jesus has a unique story; no two are the same. Your story will impact people who nobody else could reach.

**If your ready for an extreme adventure and the chance of a lifetime, accept Jesus' invitation to join Him in His mission.**

**Will you take the challenge?**



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