

## **Game Day Truths**

### **Ready:**

*“So they went out and preached that people should repent.”* – Mark 6:12

### **Set**

I remember going to school on Fridays with butterflies in my stomach. Each class took an eternity, but eventually school ended and my pre-game ritual began... Cook three eggs, gear check, arrive at locker room. After that, equipment check, on-field “run through,” pre-game prayer, coach’s fiery speech, then the team walk to the football field! Game time!

No matter the sport, game day is special! In Mark 6:6-13, Jesus gave His pre-game speech and sent His disciples out to the field of spiritual competition. What can we learn from His “game day” story?

Be a team! Jesus paired up His players and had them work together. As you serve Jesus Christ, don’t do it alone. Put aside differences, break down racial barriers, let go of selfish pride, and work together!

Trust in God’s care, not your own resources. At game time you trust all the coach has taught and prepared you to do and then go do it! The disciples were told to take nothing with them except walking sticks. Jesus gave them His authority and that was all they needed to accomplish the task at hand.

Be responsible. On Friday night I was responsible for my offensive position, not the defense. Jesus instructed His team and told them if people rejected them, that’s okay. They were responsible to share the message, not for the reaction of those who heard it.

Jesus prepared His team for game day! He is also preparing us! If you have placed your faith in Jesus Christ, you are playing on a victorious TEAM and He has prepared you for victory!

### **Go**

1. Have you set aside differences to be a good teammate?
2. Do you trust God in your daily choices?
3. Can you be trusted to complete your jobs?

### **Workout**

John 17:22-24

Galatians 6:4-5

1 John 4:4

### **Overtime**

*Heavenly Father, today is game day! As I serve You with others, I trust that Your Spirit goes with me! Give me courage to do what You have asked me to do today! Amen.*

### **Bible Reference:**

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