

Unifying as a Team

Ready:

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” -- Matthew 28:19-20

Set

Great teams rally around a greater vision.

The teams that defy the odds, overcome incredible obstacles and achieve unprecedented performances are typically those that believe in something greater. The team's identity is solidly defined, and individual players know who they are, too. It's from this point – clearly defined and unwavering identity – that the team knows where they want to go and how they want to do it.

The same is true for you.

As a disciple of Jesus, you are on a greater team comprised of fellow disciples, known as the body of Christ. Your identity in Jesus is solid, for it establishes the foundation of who you are in Him. Your position on this team is never in jeopardy, as your identity as a dearly beloved son or daughter of God can never be revoked or removed. When a team of disciples is committed and compelled to live this out, three important things occur through the way in which they live.

Greater Sacrifice

To follow Jesus is to live like Him; to do life as He would. Jesus' instructions to His team are clear: To lay down our life for our friends. How may Jesus be inviting you to lay down your agenda for Him and support a fellow disciple who may need your love and support?

Greater Invitation

Genuine love and sacrifice stick out in today's world. Often, others who have yet to follow Jesus may want to join the team. Are you ready to share your faith and invite others to follow Jesus? Is your heart softened to love others regardless of their background or present circumstances?

Greater Power

Remember: It's the way in which this team lives that truly matters. When the body of Christ gathers around God's Word and is empowered by the Holy Spirit, powerful transformation can

occur in and through them. As you go out and compete each day, surrendered to following the ways of Jesus, get ready to watch Him work. Others will notice, too.

Where you go and how you train matters. How you do it matters more. A truly significant legacy is available today, poised to leave ripple effects for all eternity. And when it's all said and done, this is the only thing that lasts.

Go

- Who are the ones around you that you can come together with to encourage one another in a greater Kingdom purpose?
- How might Jesus be inviting you to lay down your own agenda to live and compete for Him?
- Think of someone – maybe a teammate – who needs to know about the love of Jesus. Don't wait; tell them today.

Workout

Mark 16:15

John 13:35

John 15:12-13

Overtime

“Father God, thank You that You have given us everything we need in Jesus. Thank You that He paid for my sins through His death and resurrection, and that You invite me to go deeper with You. Help me to be bold in my faith and ask others around me to join in Your Kingdom work. In Jesus' name, Amen.”



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