

VIEW

Before viewing the session, here are a few important things to look for in James’s and Coach Dungy’s teaching. As you watch, pay attention to how they answer the following questions.

What are the three steps for knowing what God desires from us?

How do we make sure we’re running the right race?

Watch Session 2: *God Wants You on His Team* (13 minutes).

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James started the session saying that we can’t just know about God and his commands—we’ve got to put that knowledge into action to produce good works. **Why do you think it’s so easy to know about God without living for him?**

Coach Dungy compared the Christian life to football players learning and growing during their practices. When you’re practicing diligently, things tend to come naturally during the game.

What aspects of your faith—like prayer, attending church, showing compassion, etc.—do you diligently practice? What aspect of your relationship with Christ do you hope to grow in?

James and coach Dungy talked about the importance of communication with your coach when playing on a team. They likened the importance of communication to our need for prayer and time in the Word. **What do prayer and Bible reading look like for you in a typical**

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Jesus is our Lord if we don't follow his commands. When we know Jesus but ignore him, we will not be able to withstand the storms of life. **Is there any area of your life where you've been ignoring the wisdom of Scripture? If so, what would it look like to practice God's wisdom and obey his commands?**

The unexpected hardships of life can rattle our faith. But when we've spent time obeying God, seeing that he is trustworthy and good, we're able to rest, even when our world is in chaos. **How has knowing God's Word been beneficial to you in a time of need? What would it look like to trust God today, to build a foundation before the storms of life come?**

Jesus described the house with a shallow foundation as completely ruined, or destroyed. Sometimes, it's not until we've experienced hardships of our own making that we realize we weren't honoring what God told us. **In what way have you dealt with harsh consequences after disobeying God's word? What has that experience taught you about God and his way?**

Verse 48 says the well-built house was unmoved by a flood. Imagine how strong a house would have to be to stand up to a flood! Putting your faith into action is an act of faith that teaches us to trust God. When we build our lives on trusting God, no circumstance can shake us because we know the one who is in control. **How do you typically react to chaos or unexpected circumstances? What could it look like to trust God during the storms of life?**

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