Session 1: God Wants You on	
His Team	
SESSION GOALS	
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Every session has a point—what each	
participant should walk away from the discussion knowing, feeling, and doing.	
Main Idea: God calls us to be on his team, to serve him with all of our passions, skills, and	
energy.	
Head Change: To know your role on God's team.	
<b>Heart Change:</b> To feel confident about being a	
Christian no matter the environment we're in.	
Life Change: To live dedicated to God's Word,	
his people, and his commands.	
OPEN	
What are some of your fondest memories of	
being part of a team? What part of being on a	
team is most meaningful to you?	
We've all experienced the excitement of playing	
games, whether it's cheering during a football	
game or winning at our favorite board game. But	
one of the best parts of competition is having a team to compete with. The same could be said	
for the Christian life—with God as our coach and	
our community as our teammates, we can	
succeed in the game of life.	
In this 3-session series, Hall of Fame	
sportscaster James Brown and Super Bowl	
champion Coach Tony Dungy, will share the	

basic tenets of what it means to live for God and

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serve him well—how we can win in the game of	
life.	
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.	
How did Coach Dungy describe the way he became part of "God's team?"	
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What are the four aspects of being part of	
God's team?	
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(14 minutes).	
REVIEW	
Coach Dungy learned it was possible to have a	
relationship with Christ in the sports world	
through a simple invitation to Bible study with his	
head coach and Steelers teammates. In what	
way has your life been impacted by a simple gesture or invitation? What could it look like	
for you to invite someone to a Bible study or	
to church next week?	
James made the point that in secular spaces,	
we're taught to compartmentalize our faith and	
keep it contained to Sunday morning. But as	
believers, our life and faith are one and the same. In what ways have you been told to	
compartmentalize your faith? What has it	
looked like for you to display faith in every	
different aspect of your life?	

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Coach Dungy was used to hearing	that religion		
and politics aren't for the workplace	e, but it was		
his football team and coach that sh	owed him it's		
possible to carry God with you even	rywhere you		
go. How does it make you feel wh	-		
workers talk about political issue	_		
at work? How often do you find y	•		
part of those kinds of conversation	ons?		
Unlike football or any other sport, t	he game of		
life doesn't take a break for time-ou	•		
halftime. Everywhere you go, you a			
representative of Jesus. What cou			
for you to display your love for Cl environment you're in?	ırıst ın every		
environment you're in:			
Being on a team comes with respon	nsibilities,		
including knowing the playbook. If a	a player		
doesn't know the plays, they won't	be effective		
in the game. In the same way, Chri	stians must		
know the Bible, our "playbook." Ho	w have you		
studied the Bible in the past? Wh	at could it		
look like for you to dedicate more	of your		
energy to studying and applying	God's Word?		
God has a desire for everyone to co	omo to him		
As believers, we are called to bring			
the knowledge of Christ through ev			
sharing Christ with those around us	s. How could		
you be more intentional about br	inging others		
onto God's team? What does eva	•		
like for you while at work or in yo	ur		
community?			
Coach Dungy reminded us that eve	ervone on		
God's team has different gifts, taler	•		
desires. Each of us has a specific re	•		

be pastors and ministry leaders while others live

for Christ as accountants, schoolteachers, or

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doctors. Why is it important for God's team to have diverse gifts?	
Coach Dungy ended the session by encouraging	
us to take inventory of how we're using our	
passions and talents to serve God. Because if	
we're all focused on serving God to the best of	
our ability, our team becomes much stronger.	
How are you using the talents and skills that God has given you to bring him glory? What	
do you think is your "role" on God's team?	
What could it look like for you to encourage	
others to serve God well with their talents?	
BIBLE EXPLORATION	
As Coach Dungy said, being part of God's team	
brings new insight into our lives—we get a new	
identity and new teammates—what the Apostle	
Paul calls the body of Christ. Learning to live the	
Christian life alongside other believers is a major aspect of serving God and belonging to him.	
Read 1 Corinthians 12:12–26.	
In this passage, Paul describes the way we as	
believers are unified in Christ, while also	
contributing diverse gifts, backgrounds, and perspectives to the church. <b>How does Paul</b>	
describe the way we became one in Christ?	
Being a child of God is not a solitary lifestyle— it's a communal one. Verse 1 specifies that we've	
all been baptized by the same Holy Spirit and are	
all considered to be part of the same body.	
When have you been tempted to live out your	
Christian faith alone? What has community,	
or having Christian companions looked like	
for you?	

Paul explains that just like our physical bodies have different parts, like arms and legs, they're still part of our one physical being. The body of Christ is similar in that we are all different but belong to the same God. Considering Paul's argument, why is it important to accept and uplift each other's differences? In what way have you seen your church be impacted by the differing talents and abilities among the congregation?

Coach Dungy talked about the importance of knowing our roles on God's team—specifically that our roles are different and that's ok. Some people are called to work as Bible teachers and pastors, while others fulfill their roles outside of the church as engineers or bank tellers. In what ways have you ever equated your Christianity with full-time "ministry?" How do these verses dispel the myth that Christians should all work in churches?

Many times, we glorify certain abilities like teaching above other talents, making those who thrive in hospitality, compassion, or mercy feel less useful to God. But in these verses, Paul explains that our diversity is essential to our health and that no one gift is greater than another. In what ways have you seen friends, or even yourself, diminish their own gift because of someone else's talents? What could we learn from these verses about the value of every gift?

In verses 15–20, Paul describes the importance that each body part brings to the table. Similarly, Coach Dungy reminded us that every Christian should excel in what they're good at and focus on what God has given them. **What gifts has** 

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need to thrive in the game of life.			
different for all of us, but when we			
he's equipped us with unique tale glory, we can stand firm in faith.	nts for his —		
giory, we dan stand him in faith.	_		
Consider Coach Dungy's questior	ns at the very		
end of the session. What talents o	•		
What are your passions, and how sure you're using what God gave			
him well? This week spend some	-		
God for the way he's provided wh	_		
be part of his team.	_		
DEEPER WALK	_		
Read: Read and memorize 1 Corir	athians 12:12		
"For as the body is one and has n	·		
all the parts of that body, though	many, are one		
body—so also is Christ."			
Write: This week, meditate on wh	nat James and		
Coach Dungy said about all that v	ve have by		
being on God's team. Use a journ	·		
write down what you're thankful t providing.	o God for —		
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<b>Pray:</b> Pray and ask God to help yo	ou live in a way —		

others to know him.

that reflects being on his team and encourages

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