

SESSION GOALS

OPEN

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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Coach Dungy was used to hearing that religion and politics aren't for the workplace, but it was his football team and coach that showed him it's possible to carry God with you everywhere you go. **How does it make you feel when your co-workers talk about political issues or religion at work? How often do you find yourself being part of those kinds of conversations?**

Unlike football or any other sport, the game of life doesn't take a break for time-outs or halftime. Everywhere you go, you are a representative of Jesus. **What could it look like for you to display your love for Christ in every environment you're in?**

Being on a team comes with responsibilities, including knowing the playbook. If a player doesn't know the plays, they won't be effective in the game. In the same way, Christians must know the Bible, our "playbook." **How have you studied the Bible in the past? What 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 come to him. As believers, we are called to bring others into the knowledge of Christ through evangelism and sharing Christ with those around us. **How could you be more intentional about bringing others onto God's team? What does evangelism look like for you while at work or in your community?**

Coach Dungy reminded us that everyone on God's team has different gifts, talents, and desires. Each of us has a specific role—some will be pastors and ministry leaders while others live for Christ as accountants, schoolteachers, or

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. **How does Paul 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?

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