



Bring It Home: Put Me In Coach | August 14, 2019

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

If we want to get better at a sport, or we want to grow in our career, we might need to do something outside of the regular. What if that's also true for our faith? If you want to hear more about engaging your faith beyond the "normal," read more below.

Key Verses

Galatians 6:7 (NIV)

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."

Discussion

Most of us probably grew up either surrounded by sports, or involved in them ourselves. As we get older, it's common for us to coach younger kids and teenagers. As a coach, the kids who most excite you are often the ones who are asking how they can get better. They are the ones putting extra time in, on the field or in the gym. We can actually apply this concept to our careers and leadership as well. Often times if we want to level up, we have to do something a little "extra" to get there.

1. Do you relate to this concept, either as a player or a coach? What "extra" work have you put in to either advance in a sport or in your leadership/career?
2. Who is someone you look up to because of their desire to grow? What do they do to "level up" in their field?

This analogy actually fits our faith as well. Most of us are looking for ways to grow in our faith, and to grow closer to God. In this series, we are going to talk about practical ways you can bring your faith home – to take it beyond church attendance as well as to consider our role in the lives of others. What can we do to not only bring our faith home in our own lives, but also to share our faith and journey with others so that they might be inspired to grow themselves? The key to growing in our spiritual lives is simply to do the work. We weren't built to just consume, but to continually sharpen our knowledge and practices, and to share that with others.

3. How would you describe your spiritual growth in this season?
4. What is one way you either currently bring your faith home to grow, or a way that you'd like to bring your faith home? How might this practice help you grow beyond what you're learning in church on Sunday?

In Galatians 6:7, we read that what a person plants, they will harvest. It's a really simple concept, with huge potential for our spiritual growth. If we want to grow, we must first plant. The typical steps for getting involved at a church are to attend, serve and give. All of these suggest being generous with something – either your time, talents, or resources. As we think about bringing these concepts home, we should consider how they translate beyond church, so that we can share our growth with others.

5. What, if anything, is frustrating to you about the concept of growth – that we must plant before we can harvest?
6. What is one way you can give of your time, talents and resources this week?

What's Next?

Consider ways that you could bring your faith home with you. This might mean joining a group, talking about your faith with coworkers or other parents at a soccer game. Secondly, figure out a way that you can serve outside of church to give of your time and talents. Lastly, ask God to reveal how he'd like you to give of our resources. Whether it be to support a missionary, a local non-profit, or the church youth group, figure out one way God can move through your money.

This week, as you live out and engage your faith, think about the ways you can bring your faith home. Decide on one thing you can do this week to give of your time, talents or resources. Consider how God might be prompting you to share the ways that you are growing with others.