

DOING SPORTS GOD'S WAY – THE GOAL

① Warm up

WATCH SESSION 3: Doing Sports God's Way: The GOAL

Length 6:21: View at Nebraskafca.org

② Workout

Key Teaching in Lesson: Learn how our goal when competing is to become like Christ.

- What stood out to you in the video? Why?
- How have comparisons in sports caused problems for you or your team? Why was Kurt's racing experience not a failure?
- Do you agree that sports should be about "being the best you can be rather than being the best"? Why or why not?
- According to Colossians 3:1-3, what should your mindset be as a Christian athlete or coach?
- Read Philippians 2:12-13. What is God's promise to us as we commit to competing in light of the truth that our lives are "hidden with Christ"? How do you see God at work in you through sports?
- According to the end of John 8:29, what would Jesus' goal have been while competing in sports?
- What does Romans 8:29 tell us about God's goal for our lives? What has Christ done to enable us to pursue this goal? What would competition look like if our goal was to become like Christ?
- Does God's goal change when our circumstances (i.e. injury, bad season, big game) change? Explain.

③ Wrap-up

Key Point in Lesson: If our ambition in sports is to glorify God then we must make it our goal to be conformed to his image.

Music: Lyrics on reverse side. Download music at nebraskafca.org

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Key thoughts – John Piper describes the glory of God as “the going public of God’s infinite worth”. As part of His creation designed to declare the glory of God, we join with all creation to do just that. Pursuing Christ in all things, we exist to bring glory to God. We are to live as one who reflects the glory of God; Don’t be afraid, represent Jesus Christ. Key verses – Col. 1:15-17, Matt. 5:16, 2 Cor. 5:20

GOING PUBLIC

Running with one intention
No half-hearted affection
Giving my full attention
My life is not my own

Called to be His reflection
In all things I’ll represent Him
Won’t make an exception
I will make him known

CHORUS

I am going public with his infinite worth
I’m joining up with the whole universe
To bring Him glory is why I exist
No choice but this
I’m going public

All things working together
For His purpose and pleasure
The cross calls me to surrender
And be conformed to Him

My life He’s redesigning
His grace keeps on refining
My one goal is His likeness
And I’m not hiding it

CHORUS

BRIDGE

Can’t keep quiet
Won’t back down
Nothin’s gonna stop me now
Living so the world can see
More of Him and less of me

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