

## ***Sunday Sermon Notes***

### ***"Get in the Game!"***

#### **What our Owner wants us to know:**

He drafted us in the first round. (*John 15:16*)  
He has invested heavily in us. (*John 15:13-14*)  
He has equipped us adequately. (*John 16:13*)  
He has staked his reputation on us. (*John 17:1*)

#### **How big is this game? It's life or death!**

Your life depends on it.  
Your team's survival depends on it.  
Other people's lives depend on it.

#### **Winning means becoming like Jesus:**

In my thinking: I know  
In my attitude: I love  
In my behavior: I give  
In my destiny: I live

#### **What is it going to take to win? (*Romans 12:1-2*)**

A radical transformation  
A total commitment  
A full-time life-style

#### **We have a simple game plan! (*Matthew 28:18-20*)**

##### ***Making Christ-like disciples by:***

- Celebrating:*** by regularly attending a Sunday worship service
- Loving:*** by faithfully participating in a Bible Connection Group
- Serving:*** by becoming involved in significant ministry
- Bringing:*** by inviting others to come and meet Jesus Christ as Savior

***Will you get in the game with me?***

## ***Digging Deeper***

### **Notes for Individual Meditation and Small Group Discussion**

Pastor's sermon encouraged us to "get in the game." This week's Bible lesson encourages us to "get in the race." The goal of this race is to not only finish the race, but to finish it strongly.

#### **Discussion Guide**

Share with the group your most vivid sports memory from childhood. This may be either a success or a failure. Include how this event affected your life afterwards.

Review the sermon notes from Sunday's sermon. What point in the sermon made the greatest impact on you?

Which part of the church's "game plan" do you find the easiest to fulfill? Which is the most difficult?

#### **Read Hebrews 12:1-3**

How does having people watching you doing something make you feel?

"The cloud of witnesses" the writer of Hebrews refers to are all those people listed in chapter 11 who are examples of faith. What affect does the writer of Hebrews hopes a "cloud of witnesses" will have on a Christian?

What do you think the writer means by “everything that hinders” and “the sin that so easily entangles”? If you feel comfortable doing so, share with the group what those things have been for you.

We are told to run with “perseverance.” What does this imply about what kind of race this will be?

We are to “fix our eyes on Jesus.” What are some things we are inclined to fix our eyes on rather than Jesus?

Three things are said about Jesus. He is the author and perfecter of our faith. He endured the cross, scorning its shame. He sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Which of these three about Jesus helps you the most in running the race?

A race can generally be divided into a beginning, middle, and end. What part of the race are we most in danger of stopping. What part of the race are you in now?

The writer encourages us to consider the opposition Jesus received from sinful men to help us not grow weary and lose heart. How thinking of Jesus’ suffering help you in running your race?

What one thing do you think you need to begin doing to help you run the race better?

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