



Session 3

Controversial Christianity

BIG IDEA

Youth sports provides an opportunity for moral formation and family mission.

OPENING QUESTION

Share what sports you have been involved with either as a kid or as an adult?

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read this passage: Matthew 22:37-40, Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8. Twice out loud, in different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience and following the way of Jesus? How should it affect the way I live?

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Thought:

The passages we read are referred to as the great command of Jesus and the great commission. These two ideas simplify the call of the life of a Christian. Christianity is not only about these but they help focus us to the mission of Jesus.

Questions:

Where are good lessons you have learned from sports?

Where do you see culture taking the love of sports too far?

How do you think about moral formation, what does it take, how can we still engage in it ourselves?

How does adopting the mission of Jesus (to make disciples) help prioritize other consuming parts of life?

Thought:

When either piece of the great command or the great commission are not central Christianity becomes about something other than Jesus intended. When both are lost our faith can be about ourselves and not how we are called to love others and invite them into the story of Jesus with truth and love.

Join the mission of Jesus

I will statement...

Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. As disciples this helps us to be changed by Jesus. Put it in the form, "I Will _____". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable.