



GAME CHANGER

ENGAGE

WELCOME

Make the students feel welcomed, wanted and seen.

Shake hands, give high-fives, write name tags, and connect them to other students.

ICEBREAKER (INTERACTIVE OR VERBAL)

Play a game with the Huddle or discuss the following to kick things off:

- *Share about a coach or teammate that made you want to get better at your sport because of how they acted or treated you. What about them motivated you?*

READ: Matthew 4:18-19

“One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers--Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew--throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, ‘Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!’”

EQUIP

SAY: Before Jesus asked Andrew and Peter to follow Him in Matthew 4, the brothers had already met Jesus and spent time with him. The sea of Galilee served as a place of thriving fishing industry and these fishermen had to be rough, hard working, and gritty in order to endure the seas. Around a year after they met Jesus, He came to the sea and called them out of their boats, to leave everything, and follow Him as His disciples.

Bethany Drake was a high school javelin thrower who walked on to a Division II track team simply because she loved the sport. The coach invited her to join the team and once she started training for him, everything changed. His understanding of the technique, his ability to coach, and his belief in Bethany transformed her athletic career. By the time she graduated college, Bethany won two national championships and was a three time All American. She’s currently training professionally, having just competed in her first meet as a member of Team USA. All of this because she met a coach who transformed her view of the sport and herself.

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Bethany's coach saw something in her that she couldn't see and called her to train at a level she never imagined. She trusted him because of his reputation. When Jesus commanded that Simon and Peter give up all they knew to follow him, there was something about Jesus that they couldn't resist. They wanted to follow and obey. Jesus ended up changing their entire lives, especially Peter's. Peter's life story isn't one of perfect obedience - in fact, he makes some big mistakes. But Jesus's grace and mercy compelled Peter to move on from those mistakes and walk out a calling he never could have dreamed of. Jesus's leadership compels people to action and to life change because of who He is. When He died on the cross for our sins and rose from the grave to give us new life, Jesus offered us the chance to know Him and be transformed by who He is.

INTENTIONAL CONVERSATION

The win of a Huddle is empowering key leaders to create an environment in a sports community where the gospel is made known and lived out through intentional conversation. Spend time in small groups discussing the following questions:

1. Who are the people you know that make you want to live in a better way? What about them impacts you?
2. What about Jesus do you think made Him so transformational?
3. What are ways you want Jesus to transform your life right now?
4. What steps can you take to know Him more so that He can work in your life?

EMPOWER CHALLENGE

SAY: *Think of one aspect of Jesus' character that made others want to live different lives for the better. How can you seek to grow in that trait this week?*

PRAYER

Break the Huddle. Invite the students to come back next week to engage with one another.

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