



GROUND RULES

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 person or place that you treat with the highest respect.*
- *Why do you treat them this way?*
- *How would it make you feel if someone disrespected this person or place?*

(Option) Think - Pair - Share: Think about last week's challenge. How did it go? Pair with the person next to you and share any wins or thoughts from the previous week.

READ: Mark 11:15-17

“When they arrived back in Jerusalem, Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out the people buying and selling animals for sacrifices. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves, and He stopped everyone from using the Temple as a marketplace. He said to them, ‘The Scriptures declare, ‘My Temple will be called a house of prayer for all nations,’ but you have turned it into a den of thieves.’”

EQUIP

SAY: Why is this such a big deal? This was Passover week, and people were coming from all over to worship at the Temple. Men and women took advantage of the crowds, setting up booths and selling animals for sacrifices at high prices. They were manipulating the people's worship (coming to the Temple) for profit.

Consider this scenario - you show up to practice in preparation for a big game. You're ready to train, but your teammates are goofing around, disrespecting your coach, and not listening. It's time to start, they've been asked to get ready but they are choosing to be selfish and disobedient. How does a good coach respond? There are moments for soft correction, but there are times when stern correction is necessary to get the team's attention and remind them why they are invested in the first place.

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Jesus showed stern correction and laid down the ground rules for how people should act in the Temple. Moments of discipline are important to maintain order and keep everyone focused. Just as our coach disciplines us so we grow in our sport, Jesus does the same for us spiritually. His discipline is necessary to shape our hearts as we become more like Him. Our responsibility is to be the type of team that listens the first time to His loving correction.

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. How have you experienced necessary discipline at practice?
2. How did that help you stay focused?
3. How do we make sure our response is righteous/justified and not just anger?
4. If your response is righteous/justified, how would you react?

EMPOWER CHALLENGE

SAY: This week, consider how you cope when you get frustrated and what are ways that we can choose to correctly respond.

PRAYER

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

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