



## In The Game

### **ENGAGE**

**WELCOME** (Shake hands, give high-fives, write name tags, and connect with other students.)

**ICEBREAKER** (Don't skip this part! This helps people connect and start conversation!)

- *Share about a time you were told to do something but you didn't actually do it. How did it turn out?*

**READ:** Matthew 28:19-20 NLT

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

### **EQUIP**

**SET THE SCENE:** After Jesus rose from the dead, He called the disciples to meet Him on a mountain in Galilee. At this moment, Jesus gives them a very specific game plan for life. He calls them to go and make "disciples" - people who worship Jesus as their Savior, honoring Him with their lives and inviting others to know Him too. He calls them to "baptize" these disciples - celebrating that they are dead to sin and alive in Christ! He tells them to teach these new disciples all that Jesus taught while He was on earth. This is the game plan for all Christians who profess Jesus as their Savior and the ultimate authority in their life.

To join God's team, we need to acknowledge our sin and our need for a Savior. We've all made poor decisions that have hurt ourselves and others. But God sent Jesus to pay the cost of our sin and to give us new life if we put our trust in Him. Once we are on the team, we spend time with Jesus by studying the Bible with other believers. We learn His way of thinking and living and seek to live just like He did! But Matthew 28 teaches that we can't finish the game unless we invite others to know Jesus as Savior and walk with Him. This is how we get in the game, by learning to walk like Jesus and asking others to follow us as we follow Him. God relentlessly loves all people. He desires all to be saved and sends those who know Him (His disciples) into the world to share what Jesus has done for us so that everyone can know true life and freedom.

*Scripture always teaches us truths about who God is, how Jesus repaired our relationship with Him, and how walking with Jesus transforms how we treat others. Discuss the next three questions with your Huddle/SALT Coach in order to apply this scripture in your own life.*

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### **What does this scripture say about me and my relationship with God?**

- God offers us freedom from sin and a repaired relationship with Him through Christ's sacrifice.
- *SALT LEADER EXAMPLE:*

### **What does this say about my relationship with others?**

- Once I come to know Christ, I am called to share my freedom by how I live and speak, and then invite others to know Christ as their Savior.
- *SALT LEADER EXAMPLE:*

### **How does this relate to sports?**

- When our coach introduces a new game plan/play/formation/skill, it's for us to grow as athletes and for the betterment of the team. They first model it, then we practice it until we execute it well on our own. Then, we can teach the new skill to other athletes. As Christians, Jesus calls us to make disciples for our ultimate good, and for the good of those He calls us to share with. We have to run the play of being disciples. As we grow, we can invite others to know Christ as Savior and teach them how to grow in Him.
- *SALT LEADER EXAMPLE:*

### **INTENTIONAL CONVERSATION**

*Spend time in small groups discussing the following questions:*

1. How do you respond when a coach calls a new play or introduces a new skill that might be hard for you? Why?
2. What factors impact your ability to walk out each stage of Jesus' command?
3. *SALT LEADER QUESTION:*
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### **EMPOWER CHALLENGE**

This week, consider which stage of the discipleship journey you're in and how you can take one step forward in either asking Christ to be your Savior, knowing Him more through Bible study/local church/prayer, and/or inviting others to know Him as well!

### **PRAYER**

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

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