

The Big Finish

#GetInTheGame

Text: John 16

Objective: The focus of this series is evangelism. The goal will be to get students activated to reach out to their friends, invite them to church, and to share the gospel with them.

Introduction: We all know that the most important part of any game is the end. You might be losing by 14 points at halftime, but the game is not over. No team goes to the locker room and just quits. No matter what the score is, they know they must finish strong!

Evangelism is not just about how much success you have the first time you share the Gospel, but is more about being faithful in reaching out to the lost with the message of salvation. It requires you to not only start strong, but as you see in this lesson it's just as important to finish strong.

1. Read John 16:1-5, and then ask the following questions:

- What do you believe was Jesus' intention in letting the disciples know the trials they would face? Do you think Jesus believed they were up to the task?

- How would you feel if you knew a time was coming when you would be persecuted for evangelizing?

2. Read John 16:5-6, and then ask the following questions:

- Jesus knew He had to finish the plan God made for Him. What do you need to do to prepare for your big finish?

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- List some things in your life that could be hindering your finish?

3. Read John 16:12-15, and then ask the following questions:

- The problem is that we get focused on what we don't have rather than what's coming. When do you think it is easiest for you to be patient with others?

- Finishing is the most important factor of the "race" we are all a part of as Christians (2 Tim. 4:7). The Bible reminds us of that importance. Will you take the challenge to the finish? How many will you bring with you across the finish line?

We are not guaranteed any certain amount of time here on earth! You must learn how to finish well! You may not have started as strong as you would have liked, but don't forget it's your God given mandate to finish strong.

Conclusion: Give an opportunity for salvation and invite them to the 220 Service on Thursday night.