

FAMILY CIRCUS Week 3 GROUP QUESTIONS

INTRODUCTION

We all want to win. After all, winning is better than not winning. In a game a win is defined (the highest score, the most points, the best time etc.), but life is not a game. And winning in the most important areas (marriage, parenting, money, profession, faith, etc.) of our lives isn't always clear. So, how do we win?

BIBLE REFERENCES

“Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.” 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 NLT

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) What difference does it make when a win is clearly defined? Give an example from one area of your life.
- 2) The Apostle Paul says in 1 Cor 15:10, “by the grace of God I am what I am...” Paul repeatedly teaches that life with God (eternal life) is a gift, given to us by His grace. It cannot be earned. What then is Paul talking about when he says, “I fear...I myself might be disqualified.”
- 3) In 1 Corinthians 9:9-10, Paul shares how his past failure has shaped his view of winning. Do your past failures discourage or motivate you to win? How do you think God could use your past failures to shape your future wins?
- 4) How will you define your win in the areas of life that matter most to you? If the preparation begins today, what do you need to start doing or stop doing to win? Can this group do anything to help?

SUGGESTED PRAYER

Father give us the desire and wisdom to define our wins, especially in those areas that matter most to you. Help us to push back on aimlessness and to instead live on purpose, working toward the prize that is eternal.