



God Family Country

GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Play in the Right Field

Speaker: Pastor Tony Orihuela

Main Passage

1 Corinthians 9:24 (NIV)

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize."

Other Scriptures

Hebrews 12:1–2 (NIV) – "Let us throw off everything that hinders... and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us..."

Romans 12:2 (NIV) – "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..."

Summary

In this devotional, the speaker uses a powerful sports analogy to show how many of us are trying to succeed spiritually while using the wrong tools. Standing in a soccer field with a football in hand, he illustrates how misalignment between purpose and preparation leads to frustration. He challenges us to stop living according to the world's ways and start equipping ourselves with the Word of God. When we trust in Jesus and align ourselves with His plan, we begin to live with purpose, clarity, and victory.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Have you ever felt like you were in the wrong “field” spiritually or emotionally? What revealed that to you?**
- 2. What does it look like to be “equipped with the right tools” in your walk with Christ?**
- 3. Are there things or people you’ve been relying on instead of Jesus?**
- 4. What mindset needs to change for you to begin living according to God’s purpose for your life?**



Reflection Challenge:

- Take time this week to examine your spiritual field — are you where God wants you to be?**
- Identify what "equipment" you’ve been using to deal with life’s challenges. Does it align with the Word?**
- Write a prayer of surrender, giving over your burdens and misaligned efforts to Jesus.**
- Start reading the Bible daily — even one chapter a day. Let God’s Word become your playbook.**



Prayer Prompt

Lord, I don’t want to live my life in the wrong field with the wrong equipment. Help me to align with Your will, to put off my old self, and to trust fully in You. Fill me with Your Word and Your Spirit so I can run my race with purpose and win the prize You’ve prepared. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

