

**March Madness: Rebound  
Discover Church  
The Basics of the Game  
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**The Basics of the Game**

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:37-40*

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19*

Effort #1 = **Preparation**

*“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10*

- Prepare your **mind**
- Prepare through **practice**

*“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.” Proverbs 16:3*

*“Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.” 2 Timothy 4:2*

Effort #2: **Positioning**

**Three Positioning Disciplines**

1. You must be **ready**

*“Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good.” Titus 3:1*

2. Be willing to **work**

*“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.” Colossians 3:23*

*“The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” Genesis 2:15*

3. Be willing to **change**

### Effort #3 – **Teamwork**

*“Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?” Amos 3:3*

*“We ought therefore to show hospitality to such people so that we may work together for the truth.” 3 John 1:8*

### **Teamwork is meant to be...**

1. Uplifting
2. Benefit the individual
3. Trustworthy
4. Provide encouragement
5. Offer support

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- Prepare your \_\_\_\_\_
- Prepare through \_\_\_\_\_

Effort #2: \_\_\_\_\_

***Three Positioning Disciplines***

4. You must be \_\_\_\_\_
5. Be willing to \_\_\_\_\_
6. Be willing to \_\_\_\_\_

Effort #3 – \_\_\_\_\_

***Teamwork is meant to be:*** \_\_\_\_\_

Scripture: *Matthew 22:37-40; Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 2:10; Proverbs 16:3; 2 Timothy 4:2; Titus 3:1; Colossians 3:23; Genesis 2:15; Amos 3:3; 3 John 1:8*