



## Discussion Guide — The Infinite Game (Week 6)

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**Series:** The Infinite Game

**Message:** Adjust at the Goal Line

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (New Revised Standard Version updated edition)

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### Opening Prayer

Gracious God, when we feel stuck, tired, or uncertain, renew us from the inside out. Give us courage to bend instead of break. Teach us to see beyond what is visible and trust that You are still at work. Amen.

### Introduction & Context

Over the past several weeks, we've explored life with God as an *infinite game*—not something to win or lose, but something to stay faithful to over time.

We've talked about:

- Learning the house rules (mercy resets the board daily).
- Rolling again when we fall.
- Starting with the edge pieces to frame next steps.
- Choosing multiplayer because we are created for community.
- Building in breaks to delight in and with God as we rest.

This week we closed the series with a final move: adjustment.

Paul writes to a struggling church and reminds them:

“So we do not lose heart... even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.”

Paul does not deny hardship. He reframes it. What is visible is not the whole story. Resilience, then, is not stubbornness—it's the ability to adjust without quitting.



## Discussion Questions

### 1. Bend, Don't Break

Paul says, "We do not lose heart."

- What typically causes people to "lose heart" in faith or life?
- Where have you felt pressure to break rather than bend?
- What helps you keep going when circumstances don't change quickly?

### 2. Seen vs. Unseen

Paul contrasts what is temporary (seen) with what is eternal (unseen).

- What visible realities tend to dominate your thinking right now?
- What might God be forming in you beneath the surface?
- How does focusing on the unseen reshape how you interpret setbacks?

### 3. Adjusting at the Goal Line

The football image: running the same play repeatedly even when it isn't working.

- Where in your life have you been "running it up the middle" without progress?
- What fears keep us from calling a different play?
- How can adjustment be an act of faith rather than compromise?

### 4. Faith That Grows

We discussed neuroplasticity and the brain's ability to form new pathways.

- Where might God be inviting you to develop new habits, rhythms, or approaches?
- What long-standing pattern in your spiritual life might need refreshing?
- How do we distinguish between abandoning our faith and adapting our methods?

### 5. Church & Adaptive Faith

Using youth ministry as an example, we explored how expressions of faith may shift while the mission remains the same.

- Where have you seen the church adapt well?
- Where is adaptation difficult? Why?
- How can we remain rooted in Christ while flexible in practice?



## **P.A.R. — Pray • Act • Reflect**

### **Pray — Discern the Adjustment**

Sit quietly and ask:

- Where am I tired of running the same play?
- Is God inviting adjustment—not abandonment—in this area?

As Lent approaches, consider:

- Is there a practice to begin?
- Something to cease?
- A rhythm to shift for the next 40 days?

### **Act — Try One Small Adjustment**

Identify one stalled area of your life or faith.

Choose one concrete adjustment you can try this week:

- A new prayer rhythm
- A different conversation approach
- A new time boundary
- A changed habit
- A new way to serve

Make it small and specific.

### **Reflect — Notice Renewal**

At week's end, ask:

- What did I notice when I tried something different?
- Where did I sense resistance?
- Where did I sense renewal?
- What adjustment will help me keep playing next week?



### **Key Takeaway**

The only failure in the infinite game is to stop playing. Adjustment is not weakness—it's how we stay in the game.

### **Closing Prayer**

God of renewal, when the way forward feels blocked, give us wisdom to adjust, courage to try again, and faith to trust that You are still at work—not just in what we can see, but in what lasts forever. Amen.

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