



Can't Lose – Greatest Play Ever

Opening

- 1. The sermon opened with the idea of a "Hail Mary" -- a desperate play when the odds are overwhelming. Where in your life right now do you feel like you are at fourth and long, needing something beyond your own ability to fix?**
 - 2. Have you ever experienced a moment where you genuinely needed a miracle and something unexpected came through? What did that do to your faith?**
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Digging In

- 3. Dave referenced John 16:33, where Jesus says he has told his followers these things so they may have peace, and then immediately says they will have trouble in the world. Why do you think Jesus paired those two realities together rather than simply promising peace without mentioning the trouble?**
- 4. The sermon made the point that we tend to remember what we are repeatedly exposed to -- song lyrics, movie lines, things we love. How does that principle challenge the way you currently engage with the teachings of Jesus? What would it look like to be so saturated in his words that they become a natural part of how you think and respond?**
- 5. Dave said that nobody has ever applied the teachings of Jesus to their life and ended up in a place of regret. Do you agree with that? Are there teachings of Jesus that you find difficult to apply, and if so, what makes them hard?**



6. The sermon described the resurrection not as a surprise trick play but as God's plan all along -- something announced and then delivered. How does the intentionality of the resurrection change the way you think about God's plan for your own life?
7. Dave challenged the group to ask not just whether they believe in the resurrection intellectually, but whether they believe it in a way that actually changes how they live. What is the difference between those two kinds of belief, and which one would you say better describes where you are right now?

Communion and Reflection

8. The sermon outlined five things to remember when approaching communion: his teachings, his life, his sacrifice, his resurrection, and his promise. Which of those five tends to get the most attention from you, and which one do you most often overlook?
 9. Dave said communion is a celebration of salvation and relationship with Christ. Does communion feel like a celebration to you, or does it feel more like a routine? What might need to change in how you approach it?
 10. The sermon closed with a pointed question: will you sit in silence or walk in victory? What does walking in victory actually look like in your specific circumstances this week?
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Practical Applications

This week, choose at least one of the following:

- Set aside fifteen minutes each day to read a portion of Jesus' teachings -- starting with the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5 through 7. As you read, ask yourself honestly: am I living this?
 - Before your next meal, take a moment to quietly remember one aspect of who Jesus is -- his sacrifice, his resurrection, or his promise. Use that ordinary moment to practice the kind of remembrance the sermon described.
 - Identify one teaching of Jesus that you have been avoiding or struggling to apply. Write it down, share it with someone you trust, and ask them to check in with you about it.
 - If you have drifted from a consistent relationship with Christ, take a concrete step this week to return -- whether that is reaching out to a pastor, attending a midweek group, or simply having an honest conversation with God about where you are.
 - If you have never surrendered your life to Christ, talk to someone in your group or on the church staff about what that step looks like. Do not let another week pass without addressing it.
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