

IN IT TO WIN IT

Small Group APPLICATION QUESTIONS

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22 NIV

SUMMARY

In our ongoing series *In It to Win It*, Pastor Tim Millsaps taught through 1 Timothy 1:18-20 in a message entitled “There Aren’t Participation Trophies in Heaven.” Paul helped Timothy understand the greater expectations God has for His children, beyond the basics, to accomplish His agenda of love and service to others.

APPLICATION

1. To win, we need to know that we’re on the team and winning is expected!

- Read *2 Corinthians 5:10* and *Luke 17:7-11* in the Amplified version.
- Were you aware that your good deeds are going to be judged in heaven? How will that truth affect your choices in the future?
- As a group, make a list of the basic courtesies and commandments that we are obligated to do in this life? Do any of these stand out to you as something you need to work on?

2. Winning is much harder than losing.

- Share an example where you trained, put forth great effort, and/or purchased equipment in order to win at something. Why was that important to you?
- When have you “sat on the sidelines” and been a spectator in life?
- The Lord provides us with spiritual gifts to help us win. How has He gifted you? How are you using that gift?

3. There is a cost to losing.

- Read *1 Corinthians 5:1-5*. Where did the Corinthians miss the mark of love with this guy?
- How has today’s idea of a ‘tolerant love’ affected the way you share truth with others?

4. The finish line is close.

- Who is someone you’re burdened the share the Gospel with? Why?
- How can this group hold you accountable to sharing truth with them in the near future?

PRAYER

Pray that we’d move beyond the basics, use His gifts, and engage others with His love.

