

# The Team Parade

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#### WORLD'S TEAM: Lacking \_\_\_\_\_

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins in which you previously walked according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient. We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also. Ephesians 2:1-3 CSB

- Dead in sin
- Following the ways of this world
- Being led by God's enemy
- Heading toward judgment
- Slaves to sin
- Enemies of God

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us, made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace!

Ephesians 2:4-5 CSB

## GOD'S TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

- Brought to life
- Set free
- Friend of God

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2 Corinthians 2:14 CSB



## **SHARING JESUS WITH OTHERS:**

: Get to know someone who's not a Christ follower
: Show them God's love through love, care, service & time
: Bring a guest to a church event
: Introduce and connect them to your circle of relationships
: Provide a clear understanding of how the Bible defines a Christia

For to God we are the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To some we are an aroma of death leading to death, but to others, an aroma of life leading to life. Who is adequate for these things? 2 Corinthians 2:15-16 CSB

The MAJOR WIN that we \_\_\_\_\_\_ is EVANGELISM

#### **Memory Verse**

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## My Next Steps:

- o I'll memorize 2 Corinthians 2:14
- o Today, for the first time, I'll choose to follow Jesus!
- o I'll let gratitude motivate my participation on this team
- o I'll ask God to show me who in my world to reach out to
- o I'll invite someone to Hope before the end of the year
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## **Reflection Questions:**

- 1. Have you ever attended or participated (in person, not TV) in a professional sports team's championship parade? What was that experience like?
- 2. Josh, like some of the other pastors, mentioned that we are "standing on the shoulders of others." Specifically, whose shoulders are you standing on today that have helped you become the person you are? How did they help you?
- 3. In what way has your gratitude to God helped motivate you to serve and share with others?
- 4. How have relationships and responsibilities helped you take deeper steps in your faith?
- 5. Josh mentioned 5 steps in sharing Jesus with others (meet, invest, invite, include, share/clarify). Which step feels most natural or comfortable to you? Which step is the most difficult? Why?
- 6. What next steps are you taking as a result of this Sunday's message?