

GET IN THE GAME: WEEK 2- Authentic Receiver

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. If you could remove one thing from your daily routine, what it would be and why
2. Have you ever given up on something that you've spent a lot of time on?

WORD

Matthew 7:21-23

21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

As we continue our series GET IN THE GAME, we will learn another kind of a Receiver in the Kingdom of God. To connect this in the Get in the Game, there's different position in the football game: A coach and a receiver.

Some roles of the coach includes :

Tactical planning - He plans where He puts the players/receivers. He assesses their unique skills and talents and makes sure they reach their potential Training He trains the players to be stronger, build them up.

Leadership - He leads the team to victory

Communication - He communicates what needs to be done for the team to win.

Coach is like God..

- He gave us unique skills and talents so that we can serve Jesus and
- He trains us to be stronger in our faith, builds us up .

- He leads us in every victory that we have.
- He communicates to us His will.

There are 2 kinds of receivers:

1. **False receiver *Matthew 7:21a.*** *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven,*

False receivers are the receivers/players that listens to the coach but doesn't do what the coach instructed them to do. False disciples are the ones that do listen to Jesus but doesn't do the will of God. You can also see what kind of receiver you are in the fruits you produce. What do we produce? False disciples produce false fruits.

Consequences of a false receivers..

False receivers in a team will cause their team to lose.

If this keeps happening. They will be traded into another team or maybe let go of the team. False disciples will not enter the kingdom of Heaven

Matthew 7:23

Jesus will say to the false disciples “I never knew you, away from me you evildoers!”

2. **Authentic receiver *Matthew 7:21b*** *...but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.*

Authentic receivers are the receivers/players that listens to the coach, and not just listens, but follows the instructions of his coach. Authentic/True disciples are the one that listens to Jesus, and not just listens, But do the will of God. Authentic disciple produces good fruit.

Results of authentic receivers..

Authentic receivers in a team will bring victory to their team.

He will improve and reach his potential. He will have more playing time and more salary. Team will offer him a contract to stay and play for them.

Authentic/true disciples are the same. We will be blessed all the more by God, we will stay in His team. Once we finish the game(our journey in life) we will be able to enter the kingdom of Heaven and He will say to us “I knew you even before you were born” and “well done my faithful servant”

DISCUSSION

What kind of a receiver are you?

What fruit and gifts do you have that help serve in advancing the kingdom of God?

WORD

How do we become authentic receivers..

1. GET TO KNOW our coach

We need to get in the game so we can get to know our coach on a deeper level.

Michael Jordan didn't know Phil Jackson on a deep level before he played under the leadership of Phil's Coaching. When he started to play under him. He gets to know him more on a deeper level.

Same thing with us and God.

2. FOLLOW what the coach says *Matthew 21:b ...but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.*

Example Patrick Mahomes. Mecole Hardman Jr. following their coach Andy Reid. Even the greatest player needs a coach. Listen to what the coach says, and not just listen to it but we need to follow His instructions.

Remember the difference between the false receiver and the authentic receiver? Both listened. But only one followed what the coach said. Same with our Christian life

3. **PRACTICE** the coach says *Matthew 7:24* Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

DISCUSSION

Do you find it hard to apply the above points on how to become an authentic receiver? What are the practical things you can keep on doing(or continue on doing) and stop doing to soar on these area/s?

LIFE APPLICATION

As authentic receiver, let us keep in step to our faith by growing and abiding in Him. It is more than attending worship service, listening to sermons and read the scriptures. Let us live a life of repentance and persevere through trials. Our faith as authentic receiver will be revealed at the Final Judgment.

John 6:40 NIV

“For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”

DISCUSSION

Share some practical ways that you are walking on the will of our Heavenly Father?

VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

Matthew 7:21 (NIV)

21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

PRAYER

Share your prayer request and answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.



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