

DATE: Oct. 29, 2025

SERIES: WHAT'S YOUR GAME PLAN?

TOPIC: Team Tryouts

Big Questions: Have you ever had to try out for a team before? Or, after joining a team; did you ever wonder if it was a good fit? What sports/activities are you involved in? Which is your favorite? WHY?

When it comes to your faith, how long have you been going to church? WHY are you here at PowerLife tonight? Did someone invite you? Make you be here? Do you like being at PowerLife? Why? Have you ever been to a different church before? What was it like? Ever experienced a different religion before? (Or NO religion at all?) (or spoken) in a way that others might have thought was arrogant, boastful, or rude?

Takeaway: We all have different stories, and experiences yet somehow God brought each of us here tonight! Each of us will have to MAKE A DECISION. JESUS has invited us to FOLLOW HIM (to be on his team). Will you FOLLOW? Stay right where you are? Or go a different way?

GETTING STARTED

- **WELCOME!** Anyone NEW tonight? Be sure they get supplies (if REGISTERED) For those who are just visiting as a friend, they can get supplies after they officially register.
- **TAKE ATTENDANCE!** If you have any students on your roster who did not show, please make notes if you have an update. Or, if anyone knows them, please text them!
 - Please make notes, and we can follow up with their families as well!

SMALL GROUP COVENANT!

- Take time to REVIEW what you included in your group covenant!
 - Remember, what is spoken in your small group, stays in your small group.

CONNECTION QUESTION

- Have ONE STUDENT in your group pick a question to start! (see the Connection sheet)
- **OR go around and share HIGHS/LOWS**
 - OR use the BIG QUESTIONS (list above) to get your conversation started!

WEEKEND WORSHIP JOURNALS

- Please make sure everyone is using their Weekend Worship Journal! The goal is to complete the ENTIRE booklet this Fall! Once completed a PRIZE can be redeemed at the leader table.

OPEN YOUR BIBLES!

- **Remind students to bring their Bibles EVERY Week!**
- **NOTE:** encourage students to work together & find the pages. **HIGHLIGHT** each verse!
 - **(NEW TESTAMENT) 1 Timothy 2:1-6 (page 1481)**
 - What is the first thing the Apostle Paul urges us to do?
 - (Pray for **ALL** people)
 - Who do you pray for most often? WHY?
 - Who might you add to that list that's not on there yet? WHY?
 - We are supposed to ask God to _____ other people. (**HELP others!**)
 - Do you ever ask God to HELP others? That's called Intercession!
 - We are also called to GIVE THANKS for other people, too!
 - Who are YOU thankful for tonight? WHY?
 - **Now, have someone re-read verses 3-4 (What does it say?)**
 - In your own words, what does it mean to BE SAVED?
 - What does it mean to know the TRUTH?
 - How does someone know if they are **SAVED**? (**read Romans 10:9-13**)
 - SEE PAGE 1371
 - How do you know if you're following **THE TRUTH**? (**read John 14:1-7**)
 - SEE PAGE 1289
- **QUESTION:** If someone asked you, "Do you BELIEVE in God?" What would you say?
- **QUESTION:** If someone asked you, "Do you TRUST in Jesus?" What would you say?
 - **What does it mean (in your own words) to TRUST in JESUS?**
 - **What is ONE IDEA of how you can FOLLOW Jesus this week?**

PRAY TO END THE NIGHT!

- IDEAS: (pick one! Or multiple!) Ask if any STUDENTS want to lead the prayer?
 - Or leaders can say a prayer of Gratitude and Blessing over the group!
 - Or everyone can say the Lord's Prayer ("Our Father...") all together.

CHECK OUT AT THE LEADER TABLE!

- Please take a moment to return your folder (and roster attendance) to the leader table. If you have feedback or notes, please leave those with us as well!!

RETREAT DETAILS!

- 7th Grade Retreat – coming up Sat/Sun, Nov 15/16 (Work on YES/NO/MAYBE forms!)
- 8th Grade Retreat – For those who could not attend, please come to the Bridge after LARGE GROUP to receive your booklet and a brief overview about Faith Statements!

THANK YOU!! HAVE A GREAT REST OF YOUR WEEK!