

# SERMON GUIDES

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## Life and Football: TEAMWORK | WEEK # 2

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### INTRODUCTION

This is week two in the sermon series life and football. Pastor Gordon focused on teamwork. In life and football, we are part of a team. We flourish and succeed when we learn to be good team members. Pastor Gordon described Wonder Pets a children's show where the theme goes, "What's going to work? TEAMWORK!" We aren't meant to do life alone – it's a team sport.

02.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#### Read Genesis 2:18

1. After days of Creation that were good. God says it's not good for man to be alone and he creates Eve as a companion. Pastor Gordon pointed out that at this point in the story there was no sin, man was in perfect community with God but it was still not good because man was not in community with other people. We are created to be in community with each other. We are meant to be part of team. What different teams do you play for? Who is on your team?

#### Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-18

2. Paul writes to the church in Corinth because they are in the middle of bickering and fighting and he wanted to remind them that they are better together. He used the analogy of a body. When you read these verses what stands out to you?
3. How you ever felt that you didn't belong? Or didn't have anything to contribute? How do these verses speak to those feelings?
4. We can't all be alike. We need diversity on the team. What gifts and talents do you bring to your teams? What talents and gifts are you grateful for in another team members?

#### Read Philippians 2:3-4; Ephesians 4:29; and Colossians 3: 13-14

5. Are you a good team member? We all have moments when we let selfishness cloud our ability to put the good of the team first. Pastor Gordon shared the characteristics of a good team member. They are humility, encouragement, and forgiveness
6. Humility is about putting others ahead of ourselves. When we realize that to move the mission forward, we need to work together. How can you grow in humility this week? How does being humble differ from being a "doormat"?

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7. Words matter. The bible tells us that we can use our words to bring life or bring death. Think about a time someone's words encouraged you. How did they help? Share your experience.
8. Forgiveness is essential to teamwork. How can unforgiveness harm success? Christ modeled what it means to forgive in that He forgave us while we were yet sinners. Why is it so hard to forgive?



## NEXT STEPS

1. Ask yourself, "Are you a team player?" If not, what needs to change?
2. Remind yourself that it's not about you. We succeed in life when we realize it doesn't revolve around us.
3. Encourage 5 people this week.
4. Who do you need to forgive? Who do you need to ask for forgiveness?