

WINNER'S GUIDE

Middle School - Week 1: February 10 — 16

HOW TO DRAFT WELL

SHARE (Optional):

Each week we invite one or two people to briefly share their life stories, explaining what has brought them to where they are today. Who would like to share today?

CONNECT:

- Who is your favorite sports team? Why?
- Who is your least favorite sports team? Why?
- If you could spend the afternoon with anyone besides Jesus and get advice on life, who would you choose? Why?
- What are you looking forward to most in the next 2 months?

GROW:

Watch Video Clip #1 (approx. 10 min with intro)

1) Is there anything from this clip that convicts you or inspires you? Explain.

Winners draft well, not just the good players, but the right players.

2) What is your favorite restaurant, grocery store, or place to shop? What makes these places your favorites? Were your choices influenced by the people who work there?

3) Who is in your life right now that makes you a better person?

4) Is there anyone in your life that you think is dragging you down from where you want to be? Explain.

5) Where do you want to be or go in your life? Do you feel like you have an “anointed adventure?” Why?

6) What would you say is your “why,” your mission or way to contribute to change the world? If you don’t have a clear answer to this question then what do you think is your next step?

7) Why do you think drafting Jesus as the #1 pick might be a game changer?

Read Romans 7:15-25, & 6:2-4.

Watch Video Clip #2 (approx. 2 min)

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8) Is there anything from this clip that convicts you or inspires you? Explain.

Drafting well is not just about who and what we pick up to aid us in our “anointed adventure.” It is also about what we put down, who we drop or what sins we kill at the root.

9) How might your mission to become a world changer be affected by sin in your life?

10) If you feel comfortable sharing, what in your life needs to be killed at the root, so that it stops popping up and/or growing stronger in your life? If you do not feel comfortable sharing, who can you talk to openly about such things? Is it time to draft someone else onto your team to help do this?

11) What role do you think Jesus plays in all of this? How would you explain your answer to someone who does not know anything about God or the Bible?

Read Romans 6:5-23.

Watch Video Clip #3 (approx. 2 min)

MOVE (Pick at least one and share what you picked):

- Take a new small action tonight or tomorrow morning to help Win the Day.
- Find someone new to draft or add onto your team to help you stay on mission and change the world around you.
- Define and write out your mission to be a world changer.
- This week, read and memorize Romans 6:22 for your “why” and Romans 6:11 for your “how.”

Romans 6:22, “But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

Romans 6:11, “In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

THINK:

How can drafting well help you to change the world better?

PRAY:

Write down prayer requests and answered prayer:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Believe is February 22nd-23rd | The Blackout Collective is February 27th

SCRIPTURES:

Romans 7:15-25 (NIV)

15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. 16 And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. 17 As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. 18 For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

21 So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. 22 For in my inner being I delight in God's law; 23 but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? 25 Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

Romans 6:2-4 (NIV)

2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:5-23 (NIV)

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— 7 because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

11 **In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.** 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. 13 Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. 14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! 16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. 18 You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

19 I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. 20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. 21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.