

WINNER'S GUIDE OVERVIEW

WEEK 1: February 10 — 16

HOW TO DRAFT WELL

Sermon Connection:

Sermon highlights from Winners Draft Well on 1/27
Connection to Winners Think Exceptionally sermon on 2/10

Key Ideas:

- What will I grab onto?
- What will I leave behind?

Key Scriptures: Romans 6-7

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

Romans 6:1-2

When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! 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. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:20-23

WEEK 2: February 17 — 23

HOW TO THINK EXCEPTIONALLY

Sermon Connection:

Sermon highlights from Winners Think Exceptionally on 2/10
Connection to Winners Display Talent sermon on 2/17

Key Ideas:

- What does a renewed mind look like?
- How do we get a renewed mind?

Key Scriptures: Romans 12

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Are devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above ourselves. Never lack zeal. Keep spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Are joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer... the list goes on through Romans 12:9-21

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Week 3: February 24 — March 2

HOW TO USE YOUR SKILLS

Sermon Connection:

Sermon highlights from *Winners Use Their Skills* on 2/17
Connection to *Winners Work as a Team* sermon on 2/24

Key Ideas:

- Jesus was uber-successful. How talented was Jesus?
- There are several passages throughout the book of Romans that describe Jesus' talent.
- How do we identify and use our talents for Jesus?

Key Scriptures: Romans 1-16

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. Romans 1:1-5

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead Romans 12:6-8

Week 4: March 3 — 9

HOW TO TEAM UP FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE

Sermon Connection:

Sermon highlights from *Winners Believe the Impossible* on 2/3 and *Winners Work as a Team* on 2/24
Connection to *Winners Bleed Hope* sermon on 3/3

Key Ideas:

- Why is teamwork and unity so important and what does it look like among believers?
- How does faith transfer God's righteousness into our account?

Key Scriptures: Romans 1, 3, 4, 12, and 14

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 14:4-5

For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. Romans 14:7

However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. Romans 4:5

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WEEK 5: March 10 — 16

HOW TO BLEED HOPE

Sermon Connection:

Sermon highlights from Winners Believe the Impossible on 2/3 and Winners Bleed Hope on 3/3
Connection to Winners Dream Big sermon on 3/10

Key Ideas:

- How can we know something more is attainable?
- What can we do to attain that which is bigger than us?

Key Scriptures: Romans 5

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. . . Romans 5:6-8

The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, 21 so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:20-21

Week 6: March 17 — 23

HOW TO DREAM BIG

Sermon Connection:

Sermon highlights from Winners Dream Big on 3/10
Connection to Winners Find an Advantage sermon on 3/17

Key Ideas:

- There is something bigger going on around us. How can we begin to see what we cannot yet see?
- What grand dreams does God have for His children?

Key Scriptures: Romans 7 and 8

For in my inner being I delight in God's law; 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. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! Romans 7:22-25

For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. Romans 8:19

All Key Ideas and Key Scriptures are subject to change by Kurt or the Holy Spirit.

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Week 7: March 24 — 30

HOW TO FIND YOUR ADVANTAGE

Sermon Connection:

Sermon highlights Winners Find an Advantage on 3/17
Connection to Winners Embrace the Best Attitude sermon on 3/24

Key Ideas:

- What advantages are available to us through Jesus?
- What are our greatest threats? How a relationship with Christ diminish each threat?

Key Scriptures: Romans 8, 4

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. Romans 8:17

Week 8: March 31 — April 6

HOW TO FEAST

Sermon Connection:

Connection to Winners Value Health sermon on 3/31

Key Ideas:

- What does it look like to feast on God and not the diets of this world?
- How can we celebrate the victory we have in God by feasting together?

Key Scriptures: Romans 2

But glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. Romans 2:10