

GET IN THE GAME

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BIG IDEA

What did "Getting in the Game" look like for the average Christian in the New Testament?

KEY VERSES

1 Corinthians 9:24-27:
Galatians 3:2-3; 5:4, 7-8;
Hebrews 12:1-2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1). What does it mean to "run in such a way as to get the prize" (1 Cor. 9:24)? How does this apply to our spiritual lives? How do you personally interpret the idea of "running" in your faith journey?
- 2). How can we balance the call to give our all in our Christian walk while also avoiding the trap of legalism or works-based salvation? In what ways can you practice self-control in your daily life to align with this call?
- 3). What does active participation in the mission of God look like for you personally? What specific steps can you take to ensure you are not "running aimlessly"?
- 4). In what ways have you experienced the challenge of maintaining focus on your spiritual goals amid distractions? What practical strategies can help you stay focused on your mission in Christ?
- 5). How does the concept of "enduring together" impact your understanding of community and partnership within the church? What role does mutual support play in helping you endure in your faith?
- 6). Reflecting on Paul's warning about being "disqualified," how do we understand the tension between grace and the expectations for living out our faith? How can we encourage one another to stay true to our calling without falling into the trap of legalism?

7). Paul speaks about the imperishable crown we strive for as Christians. What does this "crown" represent for you? How does this eternal perspective shape your daily choices and commitments?

8). In what ways can we help each other stay motivated and committed to the race set before us? How can small groups foster an environment that encourages perseverance and endurance?

9). Paul's analogy of "striking a blow to his body" is about self-discipline for the sake of the gospel. What does self-discipline look like in your life? How can we encourage one another to develop and maintain spiritual disciplines that keep us aligned with God's mission?

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