

CHAPTER 6

FUNDAMENTAL #4: JOINING TEAM JESUS



Biblical Lessons for Students, Athletes & More

Individual or Group Experience

WOODEN WISDOM

"I have always tried make it clear that basketball is not the ultimate.

It is of small importance in comparison to the total life we live.

There is only one kind of life that truly wins,
and that is the one that places faith in the hands of the Savior."

John Wooden

Joining Team Jesus—Responding to the Offer On The Table

Self-guided and Group Leaders:

Decide how *you* would like to cover chapter six. I recommend having groups read chapter six on their own. Encourage the reader to seriously ponder the question, "*Have I ever made a genuine commitment to live my life for Jesus; to make Him the Lord over my life and live each day for Him—not myself?*"

Once your group has completed the chapter, challenge them to text, call, or email you if they have prayed a "post-game victory prayer" for the first time, *or* made a decision to recommit their life to Christ. Then celebrate this decision! Reiterate to the group that there is no such thing as a "magic prayer," and that salvation is a matter of the heart, not a matter of words.

If your group is small and the members have built a strong, trusting relationship with one another, you can opt to read this chapter together, talk about the recruitment process, and how it relates to basketball and the Christian life.

Any time a person places their faith in Jesus Christ, there needs to be a "next steps" plan in order for that person to grow in their faith. This is part of a process we call *discipleship*; a process of learning biblical principles that guide the believer towards righteous living, while deepening their knowledge and understanding of who God is.

Chapter 7 rounds out our timeout with: "*I've Made a Formal Commitment. Now What?*" These pages will detail five crucial steps to jumpstart one's journey of faith. But these steps aren't just for new believers, they are *lifelong disciplines* for *all* believers! Remember, the best athletes in the world cling tightly to the fundamentals—never forsaking them. Shouldn't it be the same for Christ-followers?

**IT ALL COMES
DOWN TO THIS:**



The
OFFER is on
the TABLE



Will you join
the team?