

Session 8: Hitting a “Grand Slam”

- **Teaching:** 5 minutes

What passions and interests has God given you that you can use to draw closer to God, and bring others closer to God as well?

Who in your life does God want you to serve for His own glory?

In baseball a “grand slam” is the best possible hit. A grand slam is not just a good hit, not just a home run, but a home run that brings 3 teammates across the home plate with you. A grand slam is a team effort.

Before we can bring others to the faith, we must be started in the right place to begin. **Hebrews 10:23** describes the beginning of our very own “grand slam” within Christianity. You have to hold on to the salvation you have in Jesus.

Read **Matthew 20:25-28**.

Jesus demonstrates that the goal of a Christian is not power but rather glory towards God. Jesus had every right to come to earth to walk with power, wealth, and all rewards. Instead, He came in the form of a servant. Even to the point of death on a cross!

Read **Philippians 2:8**, and then **Philippians 2:9-11**.

- **Small Group Discussion:** 55 minutes

Let’s start with a question that is both simple and complex:

- *Why does the Church exist?*
- *What is the role of each Christian within the Church?*
- *What does it mean to be a team player within Christianity?*

Hebrews 10:23-25 is about more than just *attending* a church service.

What does it really look like when these verses are lived out?

In what ways does Jesus serve as the perfect example of being a team player for God’s glory?

Re-read **Matthew 20:25-28** and **Philippians 2:8-11**.

Discover Purpose and Make a Difference

Our life, our decisions, and our actions, are meant to always draw us closer to God and enjoying learning to enjoy Him. Not only are we meant to draw close to God, but we are given the privilege of bringing others with us! Read **Matthew 5:16**. The way we live our life should be an arrow that points back to God. A life well-lived for God will be like a grand slam. Not only do we journey towards home plate, but we bring others with us.

Session 8 Weekly Devotional: Day 1

Read Hebrews 10:19-39

How are YOU “spurring” other’s on toward Christ?

F = Focus in your journal by writing the date and the Scripture you’re studying. After you’ve read the passage a few times, focus on a verse or two that stands out to you and then write out those verses in your journal.

I = Investigate the context around today’s Scripture reading. *To whom was this written? Why? How does this passage fit with what comes before and after it? What is the Holy Spirit communicating through this text?* Feel free to use Bible study tools for commentary: [Bible Study Tools](#), or [Easy English Bible](#).

R = Respond to the text to make it applicable for your own life. *What is God saying to you personally through this passage? How can you apply what you’ve read?*

E = Engage God. This can either be a short prayer or an action that you can take that day after reading the text. *Is there a command to follow in the text? How are you different because of what you’ve learned?*

Session #8 Weekly Devotional: Day 2

Read Matthew 20:20-28

Jesus demonstrates that the goal of a Christian is not power but rather glory towards God. *How are YOU GLORIFYING God in YOUR life?*

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Session #8 Weekly Devotional: Day 3

Read **Philippians 2:1-11**.

Are you imitating Christ's humility?

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Session #8 Weekly Devotional: Day 4

Read Matthew 5:1-16

Are YOU the light of the world, drawing others to Christ?

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