

AT THE STADIUM – PART 1

BIG IDEA

Do your daily work for a higher Master and you will rise above what limits you.

SCRIPTURE

Read aloud Col 3:23-25

OPENER

If you achieve, do, or change one thing this year, what would it be?

QUESTIONS

1. We are all mastered by something. What is your daily work and who are you doing it for? What is your motivation?
2. What has been limiting you and what do you need to do to rise above this limitation?
3. In Colossians 3:23, Paul tells us “Work willingly in whatever you do, as though you are working for the Lord rather than people”. Keeping that in mind, how can you go into your daily routine tomorrow choosing the motive of serving Christ? Discuss how easy it is to do our work for the approval of people or for ourselves. Share any practical ways that you move your motivation from people to Christ.
4. God can help make us successful at anything if we are doing it at His direction and for His glory. How do you define “success” in terms of God’s Kingdom? Talk about what He has you doing, and how it is glorifying Christ. How could you elevate your performance?
5. Ben obviously had some God-given attributes that contributed to his success, but he also developed other talents and skills through following his coaches (masters), dedication and discipline. Ben and the Super Bowl-winning team achieved their success by obeying a kind but demanding master, Coach Dungy. Have you committed to obey your kind and demanding Master in this new year? Share some specific ways to be sure that you are hearing the direction of your Master in this new year.
6. Some of us may not have control over the situation in which we find ourselves (Phil 4:11-13). What will you specifically do in 2020 to rise above it and keep connected to Christ?

TAKEAWAY

- What is the one thing that you will work for in 2020?
- What is your higher motivation?
- What routines will connect you to your higher motivation? (e.g., gather at church weekly; pray daily; read the Bible daily; join a small group; serve consistently)

REFERENCES

- Colossians 3:23-25
- Romans 1:16a
- Romans 2:11
- Galatians 3:28; 4:1-7
- I Corinthians 7:22
- I Corinthians 3:11-15
- Philippians 4:11-13
- Proverbs 14:23

DIGGING DEEPER

1. As various opportunities arise in life, how do we ensure that the opportunity is aligned to what God wants us to do now?
2. Thomas Merton wrote a prayer that says, “The fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You, does in fact please You.” In view of this should we be more concerned with succeeding or faithfully and sacrificially obeying?