

# AT THE STADIUM – PART 2

## BIG IDEA

What if God is the missing piece between you and the fulfillment you seek?

## SCRIPTURE

Read aloud Proverbs 3:5-6

## OPENER

- What is the thing in your life that you are counting on to bring you fulfillment?

## QUESTIONS

1. Why do we find it so hard to “surrender” to anyone or anything (even God)? Is it harder in today’s culture? Why? Share ideas on how best to overcome this reluctance to surrender to God.
2. Ray Preston talked about reaching a moment of crisis when he got on his knees and asked the Lord to change his heart and to make him the man God wanted him to be. He talked about how God wants to give us what is best for us. Discuss with the group situations when you’ve seen God deliver true blessings out of disappointments in your life (Romans 8:28).
3. In the video, John and Ray discussed how seeds can be planted by parents into their children’s lives (like the wall plaque with Proverbs 3:5-6 that Ray’s parents had given him). Share encouragement with one another on how we can plant seeds in the lives of people in our family that ultimately result in God changing people’s hearts.
4. In football, pass receivers do not just run down the field and hope to get open. They “surrender” their personal idea of where to go and instead follow a precise route drawn up by their coach, so the quarterback knows where they will be and throws the pass to that spot on the field. Share an analogy of how this is a good plan for our pass route/walk with the Lord. (Proverbs 16:9 & 19:21)
5. We often run ahead of God and get worn out, like a small child running ahead of a parent on a walk. We can picture that small child turning to their parent and raising their arms, silently asking to be carried. Discuss times in your life when you have found yourself tired and realized you had been “running ahead.” How did it feel to raise your arms to God and have him lovingly carry you?

## TAKEAWAY

- Our Prayer should be, “God make me the person you want me to be. Lord, change my heart”.
- The organ of Spiritual growth is our obedience.

## REFERENCES

- Proverbs 3:5-6, 16:9, 19:21
- Romans 8:28
- Jeremiah 17:9
- 1 Chronicles 28:9

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. In Proverbs 3:5,6:
  - We are told to trust in the Lord with ALL our heart. Why does the Lord want ALL our heart? (Jeremiah 17:9)
  - We are told not to rely on our own understanding. How do we make the transition from following our ways to “surrendering” to the Lord’s will and ways?
  - We are told to acknowledge God in all our ways. Talk about areas of your life where you have difficulty acknowledging God and following His will for you. In addition, discuss areas where you have had success acknowledging God.
  - We are told that God will make straight our paths. At times our lives seem full of disruptions that feel like we are out of control. As we seek the Lord and we determine His plan has personal risk and questionable reward, how would you respond? Share a personal experience where you “surrendered” and allowed God to make straight your path.
2. Abraham was a man of faith, but he was not a perfect man. He had “surrendered” to God and was trying to follow God’s plan, in Genesis 12:10-20 he failed. Discuss each of the failures that occurred when Abraham leaned on his own understanding. How does this passage show a believer, the end can never justify the means if we don’t acknowledge Him and allow Him to make straight our path?