

Calvary Chapel  of Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
SOCCER DEVOTIONS

10-17 year olds

Week 7

Do Unto Others

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The objective is the goal or main teaching point of this week's study. If you convey one thing to your players, make it this.

Read this passage aloud to the kids, as it will be the focus of this week's study. Each week's memory verse will be in bold.

Our lessons for our older age groups are designed to be more discussion-based. This section is for the coach to read ahead of time so that he/she understands the goal of the discussion and is able to direct the conversation.

Objective This study will teach the kids to use how they want to be treated as the standard for how they should treat others.

Scripture Passage:

"And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise."

Luke 6:31

Coaches Guide

All of us know how we want others to treat us. We love it when someone gives us a gift, does something considerate for us, or even just says a kind word to us. None of us like it when someone acts selfishly or mistreats us. For as much time as we spend thinking about how we want others to treat us, we probably don't spend much time at all thinking about how we treat others. In Luke 6:31, Jesus says that what we want others to do for us should be the standard for what we do for others.

Jesus' design is for the Body of Christ to be a place where everyone treats others as they want to be treated. Imagine if everyone on this team always obeyed Luke 6:31. None of us would have to worry about how our teammates might treat us, and we could come to the field knowing that we would be blessed. Even more so, our church should be a place where everyone treats one another as they want to be treated and looks for ways to be a blessing to others. When we all do this, the Body of Christ becomes an amazing place, but this is only possible if we first make the decision for ourselves to treat others as we want to be treated.

When others treat us as we want to be treated, it becomes easier to do the same for them. But even if others don't live this way toward us, that's no excuse not to treat others rightly. After all, Christ, our ultimate example, treated us rightly and even died for us while we were still sinners. We should obey Luke 6:31 not because others treat us as we want to be treated, but because Jesus did it and asks us to do the same.

Team discussion gives questions to ask your team in order to discuss today's topic. Use the information from the coaches guide to steer the conversation toward the biblical truth.

"On the Field" gives some in-game situations where today's lesson can be applied, while "Off the Field" gives examples from everyday life. Encourage them to do the things you listed during the game today.

These are some final notes/goals to accomplish this week. These are not meant to be read, but are instructions for the coach.

Team Discussion

1. What kinds of things do you wish other people would do for you? Do you ever do those things for others?
2. What does Luke 6:31 mean? Why do you think Jesus uses this standard for how we should treat others?
3. What would happen if every player on our team lived according to Luke 6:31? What would the Body of Christ be like if every believer did this?
4. What if others don't treat us as we want to be treated? Is that an excuse not to obey Luke 6:31? What is the real reason we should treat others as we want to be treated?

On the Field

- You don't like it when other players don't pass to you. Don't be a ball hog, but instead pass to your teammates.
- We should talk to our opponents or teammates the same way we want them talking to us.
- Nobody likes it when the other team cheats. Be sure to play fairly and according to the rules.

Off the Field

- Think of something nice you wish others would do for you, and do that same thing for someone.
- We all know how good it feels to be encouraged, so use your words to encourage others.
- Do you wish a teacher or parent treated you differently? Start by thinking of ways you can show them respect and treat them right.

The Game Plan

1. Review last week's memory verse, 1 Corinthians 12:26. Give a ticket to any player who can recite it.
2. Learn and memorize Luke 6:31 with your team. Encourage them to practice the verse over the week.
3. Luke 6:31 should be a filter for all our words and actions. Encourage players before they say or do anything to think, "Would I want someone else to say/do this to me?"