

Calvary Chapel  Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
SOCCER DEVOTIONS

4-9 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.

Here is where we will discuss today's passage with the players. This can be read off the page or summarized and explained in the coach's own words.

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

In the Word

If you could have your teammates do any nice thing for you, what would you want them to do? Would you want them to bring you your favorite snack? Throw you a big party? Come to your house and play with you? It's really easy to think of nice things that other people could do for you. But have you ever spent time thinking about nice things you can do for others? That is what today's verse is all about.

In Luke 6:31, Jesus tells us that whatever we want other people to do for us, we should do for them. In other words, we should treat others the way we want to be treated. It's easy to treat ourselves right and make ourselves happy, but Jesus says that we should do those same things to others so that we can bless them. Do you like it when people encourage you? Then encourage others. Do you wish people would let you go first? Let someone else go first. These same things that make you happy also bless others. God's plan for the Body of Christ is that each member would treat the others the way they want to be treated.

You might think, "If I spend so much time trying to make others happy, who is going to take care of me?" And for sure, it is much harder to care about others than it is to help yourself. But actually, treating others as we want to be treated is better for ourselves as well. The beauty of this verse is that if everyone follows it, we don't have to worry about ourselves because everyone else will be taking care of and blessing us. Imagine if everyone on this team was treating other the way they wanted to be

In the Word (Continued)

treated. You wouldn't have to worry about yourself, because all your teammates would be trying to do nice things for you. What a great team to play on that would be! When every member of the Body of Christ treats others as they want to be treated, the Church becomes a place where everyone gets blessed.

But what happens if other people don't treat you the way you want to be treated? Does that give us a reason not to treat them right? No, it doesn't. Of course it's great when others do nice things for us, but the real reason we should treat others right is not because they deserve it or do nice things for us. We should treat others right because it's what Jesus wants us to do. Jesus died for us even though we didn't deserve it, so we can and should love others, even if they don't treat us well back.

"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.

On the Field

- You don't want others to hog the ball, you want them to pass to you. Make sure you are passing to others.
- Before you say something to a teammate or opponent, think, "Would I want someone to say this to me?"
- Nobody likes it when the other team plays unfairly. Make sure to play the game fairly and not cheat.

Off the Field

- What nice thing do you wish someone would do for you? Do that same thing for someone else today.
- When you are tempted to do something unkind, ask yourself if you would want someone to do that same thing to you.
- When there is something fun to do, let others go first.
- We all love encouraging words, so think of someone you could encourage today.

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

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. Encourage the players to think before their actions and ask, "Would I want someone to do this to me?"