

FAITH TRACKS: Day 7

Basic Guides to Spiritual Growth - Track 6 (Saturday)

DOES GOD HAVE A GAME PLAN FOR MY LIFE?

If you've ever been involved in sports, you know that every successful athlete or team has a game plan. Often, the team that best sticks to its game plan will win the sporting event, even when the opponents may possess better athletic ability. If you have a personal relationship with God, this same principle can apply to your life as a Christian. God has a game plan and He intends you to be a vital part of it.

1. GOD'S GAME PLAN

What a coach talks to his team about just before the big game is very important. He doesn't discuss things that don't really matter at that point. Instead, a good coach discusses the game plan, gives clear directions and encourages the players.

Similarly, in the critical moments before Jesus left His disciples to go to heaven, He talked about God's game plan to save people from their sins and how the disciples were to be involved in reaching the goal. In His final moments with them, Jesus covered some very important instructions and encouraged them to go out and tell others about Him. Let's look at what He told them.

Read Matthew 28:18-20. How do you know Jesus had the position to give instructions to the disciples? _____

What four things did Jesus tell His disciples to do? (Hint: Each begins with an action word.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Who was to be with them at all times? _____

Read Mark 16:15. Where were the disciples to go? _____

What were they told to share? _____

2. JESUS SETS THE EXAMPLE

Read Matthew 4:19. When Jesus was with His disciples, what did He tell them to do? _____

Why should they follow Him? _____

What were they to become if they obeyed Him? _____

What does that mean? _____

Read Acts 1:8. What did Jesus say would give them power? _____

How did He describe the role they would play? _____

Where were they to go? _____

These geographic locations could be compared to your spheres of influence. Write out what these places are for you personally:

1. Your Neighborhood or workplace (Jerusalem): _____
2. Your City (Judea): _____
3. Your State (Samaria): _____
4. A Foreign Country (Ends of the Earth): _____

3. HOW TO CARRY OUT THE PLAN

Read John 1:40-42. What did Andrew do to follow God game plan?

1. _____
2. _____

How could you bring someone to Jesus today? _____

Read Mark 5:1-19. How did Jesus tell the man, once possessed by demons, he could follow God game plan? _____

4. YOUR ROLE IS VITAL

As a Christian, you personally know God. You also know many people who need to know God, too. Your role as a follower of Jesus and a witness of His truth is vital in winning people to God.

Take a moment to write down some friends, or family members who need to hear how to know God personally.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Pray and ask God to give you an opportunity to share your new faith with them, and ask the Holy Spirit to give you the words to say and the boldness to say them.