

SOUTH MAIN SUNDAY NIGHT ACTIVITY – JUNE 17, 2018

Lesson Title: Game On!

Text: John 21:15-19

Learning Objectives: After this lesson...

- Participants should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the call of Jesus Christ and demonstrate a willingness to answer and fulfill that call.
- Participants should realize that without Jesus Christ they will never reach their full potential.
- Participant should be willing to get off the sidelines as a spectator and “Get into the Game!” as a participant in faithful service to our Lord.

Items Needed:

- The Bible. Turn to John 21:15-19 and be familiar with these verses beforehand to be able to explain this passage to others.
- Visual Aids. An old-fashioned telephone (or picture of a telephone).

Explanation: Use this lesson to teach participants that we can never reach our full potential unless we answer Jesus’ call to follow Him. We should realize he calls us as he called Peter, and like him we should serve Jesus Christ out of love...not obligation.

Hook: (Show telephone or picture of a telephone). Thomas Edison is possibly the most prolific inventor in history. In his lifetime he received thousands of patents for useful and cutting-edge technologies. Many of these patents have to do with communications technology. The telephone was invented by Alexander Graham Bell, but was vastly improved by Edison. Many of his inventions that made the telephone better, clearer, and easier to use. Of all of Edison’s inventions, one of most interesting is the invention of the word “hello” as a standard greeting when a person received a call on this newfangled contraption.

Book: In the Bible, Peter received a call from Jesus Christ in John 21:15-19. The resurrected Christ had just appeared to the disciples who were fishing. After a miraculous catch of fish, Jesus had a meal with them, and then begins to speak to Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.” Again, Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.” The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!”

Look: When Jesus calls, He does not want us to just say, “Hello.” What should our answer be when the Lord calls us? (The answer, “Yes!”) What do you think Jesus meant when he called Peter to “Feed my sheep!” (To help others to follow Jesus the Good Shepherd). What do you think it means when Jesus gave the call to “Follow me!” (To listen to Him, to walk after Him, to stay close to Him).

Prayer: Father, help us to stop being spectator, and “Get into the Game” as participants in faithful service to You! The answer is “Yes” when we hear your call to love and serve You! Help us though, because we cannot do it without You! In Jesus name, Amen.