

Study Guide: 10-19–25 Adjustments - In The Game

Overview

This message revisits Nicodemus, a respected yet complacent religious leader who admired Jesus but didn't support Him publicly. It uses Nicodemus, Judas, and Peter to explore "getting in the game" with Jesus. Nicodemus stayed on the sidelines, Judas betrayed due to unmet expectations, and Peter, despite flaws, embraced correction and commitment. The sermon urges active faith over passive knowledge.

Reflection Questions

- What does "getting in the game" mean to you in your faith?
- Do you see Nicodemus's complacency or Judas's disillusionment in yourself?
- When have you resisted correction, and how did it impact you?
- How has humility or willingness shaped your walk with Jesus?

Main Points

- Nicodemus: Knew the law but missed Jesus as Messiah due to comfort.
- Judas: Betrayed Jesus when His mission clashed with Judas's ideals, resisting coaching.
- Peter: Stayed in the game through humility, willingness, and accepting correction.
- Being in the game requires responding to God's call and being coachable.

Application

- Say an unconditional "yes" to Jesus and engage actively.
- Welcome correction from the Bible or others to grow.
- Practice humility and willingness, following Peter's example.
- Take steps like serving or praying to align with God's plan.

Group Discussion Prompts

- Share a time you hesitated to "get in the game." What stopped you?
- How can we help each other become more coachable?
- Discuss a correction that led to faith growth. What did you learn?
- What group actions can move us from stands to the field?