



Small Group Discussion

The Week of: **Sept. 23, 2026**

Series: In It to Win It | Message: Play Together

What's your life like:

Continue to get to know each other. Connecting relationally will set the stage for great discussions in the weeks and months to come.

1. Go around and have everyone share their name and one interesting thing about themselves.

What are we talking about this week:

This week we are continuing our series called "In It to Win It." We talked about how we can play together as a team by celebrating each other's differences, celebrating each other's wins, and supporting each other in the losses.

Set the Tone. Before kicking things off, set some expectations for how your group will operate. For example: When someone is talking, we are listening. Phones go face down in the middle of the circle. We pray at the beginning and end of every group. Create a "no gossip" rule. Etc.

Key Verses: 1 Corinthians 9:24, 1 Corinthians 12:18-20, 1 Corinthians 12:26

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever played with a ball hog before? What made it frustrating?
2. Paul compares the church to a human body. What do you think he wants us to understand through this comparison?
3. What could our group do to make sure everyone feels included and like they belong?
4. How can we celebrate each other's wins well here at GZ and in our small group? Why does this matter?
5. What are some difficult "losses" or situations middle school students might need support through?
6. When you are facing a difficult time, what helps you feel supported?

Now what:

- Which part of playing together is most difficult for you?
 - Celebrating each other's differences?
 - Celebrating each other's wins?
 - Supporting each other through a loss?
- What action can you take to get a little better at it this week?
- **Close in prayer:** Pray that your group would become a team where everyone belongs, differences are celebrated, wins are shared, and no one walks through difficult things alone.