

GREATER REWARDS

THERE IS NO TRY

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GROUP NORMS

Be courageous, be compassionate, be connected
Be a cog...not a hog or a log
Be a listener...not a fixer

NOTE: Don't feel the pressure to ask all of these questions. You may want to prioritize which ones you think will generate the most discussion within your group. There are a few cues for personal reflection that the group leader may also bring into the discussion if time and group dynamics allow.

SUMMARY

In his message, "There is No Try," part two of the "Greater Reward" series, Eric challenges us to stop "trying" to change and start "training" for true transformation. Using 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, he contrasts the half-hearted effort of trying with the purposeful commitment of training, emphasizing that discipline driven by a clear "why" leads to lasting change. Just as athletes train to win, we're called to cooperate with God's Spirit in our spiritual journey. With a clear vision of the Greater Reward, we can let go of quick fixes and embrace disciplined growth toward the life God desires for u

DISCUSSION

Ice Breaker:

- What's a skill, hobby, sport that you have trained yourself for?

General Discussion:

- Eric talked about the need to "Clarify your WHY." What is your WHY or your greater reward? (Someone you want to be or something you want to obtain.)
- Can you think of a time you wanted something and "tried" but didn't obtain it?
- In our effort to reach our greater reward we can TRAIN or we can TRY. Compare these two strategies: TRAINING vs. TRYING
- In 1 Corinthians 9:24-27, Paul talks about running with purpose to win. How might seeing your faith journey as a "race to win" change how you live it out?
- Think of a time when someone's commitment to a goal inspired you. What made their dedication so impactful?
- Thinking of the "Greater Reward" you're striving toward in your in your faith. What's your next step to move from trying to training?

Prayer:

Let's pray that God would give us a clear vision of the "Greater Reward" He has for us and the discipline to pursue it wholeheartedly. Ask for His strength to move from trying to training, relying on His Spirit to guide us each step of the way.