

Playing to Win: The Opportunities & Challenges of Youth Sports

There are few parts of raising a child or grandchild that bring as much joy and as much stress as youth sports. There's nothing quite as thrilling as seeing a child excel, build confidence, and thrive on the field. But it comes with all sorts of other anxieties: should I let my kid play select, travel ball, etc.? How do we keep our priorities straight as a family among all the practices and games? It all really comes down to this: how do we define what it means to "win" in youth sports?

In this class, we'll hear from multiple people who are inside the world of athletics about how they view youth sports as an incredible opportunity for youth and also how they understand the challenges that come along with it. Whether you're a parent, a coach, or both, this class is aimed at equipping you for living faithfully in this ordinary part of everyday life.

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A Legacy That Lasts: Faithfulness in the Second Half of Life

Contrary to the script of modern American life, the Bible gives us a picture of a God who is just getting started with his people as they enter the second half of their lives. Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Hannah—these are just a few examples of men and women who embark on a great adventure just when they think they're about to enter into 'retirement.' And the legacy of each of these people is one that has stood through the tests of time.

This class is focused on helping us think about what God might be up to in us as we enter into a new time in life. A legacy is about more than just finances (although we'll talk about that, too): it's about blessing our families and communities with the wisdom, values, and experiences that we have ourselves received from the Lord.

Jim Barber is the president of the Generosity Trust and is passionate about helping men and women think about how to steward all that God is given them to God's glory.

Jane Henegar served for many years at Girl's Preparatory School as a teacher of the Bible. Nothing gets her more excited than helping people pass on meaningful legacies to coming generations.

Power Failure: How to Flourish in a World of Screens

Our screens—phones, tablets, computers—have given us greater power than we've ever known. We have power to connect, power to discover, and power to reach people in ways that are amazing and continue to change at breathtaking speed. But with this power has also come so many other things: anxiety, dangers, and even addiction. Our screens aren't going anywhere anytime soon, so how do we live well with them?

The Christian faith has much to say about how we can relate well to our screens. In this class we'll talk about the kind of people we're becoming as we spend time on our devices and how we can build practical steps into our life that will help us flourish in this brave new world. We'll leave with concrete steps, goals, and habits to build into our life that will help us find the kind of life and freedom that we've been made to receive.

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