

SUMMER READING

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Small Group Questions: Part 4: Ideal Team Player

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Read

Ecclesiastes 4:9; Ephesians 4:16; Philippians 2:3; 1 Timothy 4:14–16 and 5:1–2; John 4:31–35; and Mark 12:29–31

Reflect

Christ unites us, as believers, into one body (Ephesians 4:16)—a team with a united purpose. As a team, when we stumble, we can help and encourage each other. We each have an important role to play. How hard is it to appreciate others and their talents? What emotions get in the way? Are you a great *team* player or just a great player?

Pastor Josh Surratt discusses three ways to become a team player:

1. Stay humble.
 - a. How does trying to win every argument hurt relationships?
 - b. Describe a couple of ways that God has taught you humility?
2. Stay hungry.
 - a. Paul warns Timothy not to neglect his gift. What gifts might you be neglecting, and why?
 - b. How have you seen success become a breeding ground for complacency?
 - c. How have you overcome disappointment and not given up? What has it taught you?
 - d. What has God kept you hungry to do or learn?
3. Treat people right.
 - a. What are some characteristics of someone who treats people right?
 - b. Who do you consider to be “your neighbor?”
 - c. Going through your day, how often do you take the time to consider what someone else is going through? How easy does compassion come to you?
 - d. Who could best help you grow as a team player and as a compassionate person?
 - e. How might serving in the church or community help you grow as a team player?

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?