

# **Our Church**

## **Today's Message – "Winning at Church" (Part 2)**

### **Message Study Guide**

#### **Introduction**

Everyone wants to be part of a winning team! Nobody likes to lose! Whether we're participating in athletics or engaging in a friendly game of checkers, winning always feels great! Let's ask a simple question. If winning is so important in every area of life, why aren't more churches interested in winning at their mission? We know what it means to win in sports, but do we know what a win looks like in church?

#### **Discussion Outline**

##### **Four Basic Steps to Clarify a Win at Church**

1. We must sum up a win in a simple phrase
2. We must be as specific as possible
3. We must restate wins frequently and with creativity
4. We must clarify wins at every level of ministry

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. Have you ever lost at anything? Were you ever part of a losing team? How did you feel? Did you enjoy being a part of losing?
2. Are most churches you know of winning, losing, or not even interested in either one?
3. When was the last time you perceived there was a win in church? Be specific!

#### **Think About It**

If a church continually fails to communicate what a win really looks like, people will be forced to continue to walk in a haze guessing what a win must look like. On the other hand, when members of churches truly understand what it means to "score" and "win" at church, we believe it will unleash a new power that will enable any church to make an impact in their community.

#### **Do Something About It!**

Help us out! Make a list of creative ways that we as a church can clarify a win at every level of ministry in our church. This includes children, middle school, high school, and adults.

#### **Be Willing To Change**

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much....." Luke 16:10