

SERIES DISCUSSION GUIDE



THE LOCKER ROOM | PUT ME IN, COACH

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WELCOME & CONNECTION

Think of someone who made you feel seen or supported through an ordinary act of kindness. What did they do, and why has it stayed with you?

LEADERS: Go first! Share a simple example, then invite others to respond as they feel comfortable. Help the group notice that meaningful ministry often begins in everyday relationships.

- When you hear the word ministry, what comes to mind? Has your understanding changed over time?

MESSAGE RECAP

In Put Me In, Coach, Chad reminded us that every follower of Jesus has a part to play. Ministry means serving God by serving others, and it begins with knowing that we belong to Christ. Our value is rooted in Him rather than our performance. Drawing from 1 Peter 2:9 and Colossians 1:24–29, Chad described three elements of ministry: Word, fellowship, and service. We share the truth of Christ, help one another grow, and put His love into action. These opportunities are already present in our homes, friendships, workplaces, and neighborhoods. Serving may require sacrifice, but we depend on God’s strength. Our first response is to trust Jesus, then notice whom He has placed in our path and take a faithful step.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read 1 Peter 2:9. What does this verse tell us about who we are and why God has called us?
 - Which description speaks to you most? How could belonging to Christ change the way you respond to success, failure, or pressure to prove yourself?
2. Read Colossians 1:24–29. What is Paul working toward, and where does his strength come from?
 - Chad described ministry through Word, fellowship, and service. Where do you see sharing Christ, helping people mature, and sacrificial effort in this passage?
 - Which of these comes most naturally to you? Which would you like to grow in?
3. Chad described fellowship as helping one another grow in Christ. What could help our relationships move beyond simply spending time together?
 - Who helps you grow, and how do you allow them to encourage or challenge you?
 - What makes it difficult to pray with someone or talk about Jesus? What might a natural first step look like?
4. Chad invited us to consider the people already in our path. Think of a relationship at home, work, school, or in your neighborhood.
 - How could you share Christ's truth, deepen the relationship, and offer practical help? What might that require of you?
5. Read John 3:16. Chad closed by returning to the gospel. Why does receiving Christ's love come before serving Him? How does this encourage someone who feels unqualified or held back by past mistakes?

APPLICATION QUESTION

This section is designed for personal reflection and action during the week.

1. Read 1 Peter 2:9 and Colossians 1:28–29 again. Choose one person already in your life and consider:
 - What has this person begun to trust me with?
 - How could Word, fellowship, and service become part of this relationship?
 - What one step will I take this week, and whom will I ask to pray with me?

LEADERS: Make room for questions about trusting Jesus. Offer to talk and pray personally with anyone exploring faith. Invite the group to share next week how their step went.

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Thank God that we belong to Him through Christ. Pray for the people named during the discussion and ask for courage, compassion, and His strength to serve them this week.