

The Discipleship Game Plan

Whether you're taking a class, doing a job, or raising a family, success begins with defining what it means to WIN. For Christians, "winning" isn't just going to church, being more religious, or even "becoming a better person." It's making disciples of Jesus Christ, period. But what is a disciple? And how do we make them? In the New Testament, Jesus and the first Christians left us a discipleship game plan, and everyone - from brand-new believers to life-long Christians - has a part to play in it. Throughout this series, you'll discover new ways that you can win people for Jesus Christ, so join The Story every Sunday in August as we explore the X's and O's of making disciples.

August 31, 2025 - Part 5 - Get in the Game!

Have you ever had a "Get in the Game" moment where you were pulled off the bench and thrown into the fire? (Think about sports, at work, in the home, or at church)

**There's no room for
benchwarming in the
Kingdom of God.
Everybody has a
position to play.**

GET ____ THE ____!

Ephesians 4:11-12 - "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service

What does it look like to "ride the bench" at church?

In what areas of the Church could God be calling you to step up and serve or get involved?

Step Into the ____!

Ephesians 4:12-14 ...to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves...

We are not supposed to wait until we are spiritually mature and then serve. We mature through serving.
How have you seen this principle play out in your own life or others?

How might God be using your circumstances right now to grow you?

Play Your _____!

Ephesians 4:15-16 - “Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

How can saying “no” to what God has called you to, affect other members of the body of Christ?

Why is discipleship more than just a game?

As we bring this series to a close, what/who is God calling you to say “Yes” to this fall?



Overflow Fall Kickoff

Overflow is a night where 6th-12th grade students worship together, hear a message that speaks to where they are in life, and enjoy high-energy activities. Overflow takes place every first Sunday of the month at 6:30pm, and kicks off on Sunday, September 7th. Learn more: [**thestory.church/students**](https://thestory.church/students)



Serve with Houston Haven

This month, the first family is moving into our adopted Houston Haven house - which means we now get to surround them with community, prayer, and a meal train! Sign up to join the Houston Haven team and receive email updates on ways to serve: [**thestory.church/serve**](https://thestory.church/serve)



Start Here Class - Begins TODAY!

If you're a new believer or new to The Story, we hope you'll join us for a class that seeks to answer the big questions like who is God, what is the Bible, and what it means to be a disciple. Class begins TODAY at 11:05am in Community Room 2. Ask a volunteer for directions if you're interested in joining!