

THE GODLY MAN – *Episode 5: The Godly Man is Loyal*



Team Member Name: _____ Date: _____

Game Strategy – As independent creatures it's pretty tough for us to follow and remain loyal to a leader, standing by him through thick and thin.

Be ready to take the field for this workout by completing the **Pregame Film Study**. Your contributions to the Huddle Discussion in our workout are vital to our team success. Remember we win and lose as a team!

Pregame Film Study

1. View or listen to the episode referenced above.
2. Go deep with the Scripture References, Coaching Tips and Catechism Connection on page 2.
3. Reflect upon the **Huddle Up** questions below and jot down your thoughts.

Huddle Up – Use these questions for personal reflection to share with your team at the workout.

Warm-up Questions:

1. What particular point(s) caught your attention the most in this episode?
2. What is something useful that you learned from viewing this episode that you can apply in your own life?

Workout Questions:

1. A loyal friend is one that stands by us through thick and thin. Can you name a friend or friends that you consider to be a loyal friend? What makes him/them special?
2. Read Hebrews 13:5-6. God is our most loyal friend. He is there for us all the time. Do I show Him this same kind of loyalty? How?
3. For those of you who are married or are contemplating marriage, we make a covenant on the day of our marriage to be loyal to our wives. What are some of the ways that we can show our loyalty to our wives? To our children?
4. Our church, more than ever, needs our loyalty. Have you been loyal to the church? In what ways do you show your loyalty?
5. Band of brothers – the team always mentions the importance of belonging to small groups. Do you currently belong to a small group? Would you like to belong to a small group? Why do you think belonging to a small group would be helpful? Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12.

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Team Workout Plan - Watch the Kickoff, Game Plan and Red Zone video segments as a team. Break into huddles for discussion of the questions.

Postgame Recap - Watch the End Zone video segment as a team. Take note of the tips from the CTG team:

1. Is there someone in your life you have been disloyal to? Take a step in faith to be loyal and repair the situation.
2. Jesus wants your loyalty. Matthew 10:32
3. Think about your loyalties.

Complete your **Personal Action Item**. 

Scripture References

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12	Sirach 40:12
Hebrews 13:5-6	Sirach 44:20
Joshua 14:9	Proverbs 18:24
Psalms 31:24	Matthew 10:32
Psalms 89:3	Matthew 28:20
Sirach 1:24	Hebrews 2:14
Sirach 15:19	2 Maccabees 6:17-31

Coaching Tips

Keys to being loyal:

- Stand up for marriage, family, church and country.
- Bear the cross together.
- Loyalty is rooted in God
- The Lord is your loyal friend

God will be with us until the end of the ages. The true test of loyalty is when it costs something. The time is now to be loyal to our brothers in Christ, loyal to our wives, families, church and country.

“Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.” ~ *Proverbs 3:3*

“Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, ‘I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you.’” ~ *Hebrews 13:5*

Catechism Connection

1880 A *society* is a group of persons bound together organically by a principle of unity that goes beyond each one of them. As an assembly that is at once visible and spiritual, a society endures through time: it gathers up the past and prepares for the future. By means of society, each man is established as an “heir” and receives certain “talents” that enrich his identity and whose fruits he must develop. He rightly owes loyalty to the communities of which he is a part and respect to those in authority who have charge of the common good.

2238 Those subject to authority should regard those in authority as representatives of God, who has made them stewards of his gifts:⁴³ “Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution.... Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil; but live as servants of God.”⁴⁴ Their loyal collaboration includes the right, and at times the duty, to voice their just criticisms of that which seems harmful to the dignity of persons and to the good of the community.

Personal Action Item

Develop a plan of action based upon our prayer and discussion related to the topic. How does the Lord want this topic applied in your life? Keep it simple – one or two action items.

I commit to becoming spiritually fit by...