

the
games
running your race

JULY 18

Sermon Outline

Key verse

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:24

How to run for the prize

1. Start training

Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training.

1 Corinthians 9:25a

2. Set goals

Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.

1 Corinthians 9:26

3. Keep your eyes on the prize

They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

1 Corinthians 9:25b

RUN FOR THE PRIZE

Opening Thought

The summer Olympics are upon us! These athletes have trained and prepared for their big moment. In the Bible Paul says that the Christian life is like a race. He says, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize?" We are told to "Run in such a way as to get the prize."

Icebreakers

- Do you like to watch the Olympics? What events are your favorite?
- What medals or trophies have you won?

Discussion Questions

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- In what ways can we train ourselves to run in such a way as to win the prize?
- What are some goals and dreams that God has put in your heart to run after? How do you know if a goal or dream is godly or fleshly?
- What things tend to distract or derail believers?
- What are some ways that followers of Jesus can become "disqualified?"

Next Steps

- What practices do you need to stay spiritually sharp?
- What goals do you need to set for your faith?
- Ask the Lord to help you keep an eternal perspective this week.

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