

EVERY TRACK EVERY WEEK
WEEK 15: Leader Study Guide

For Our Sake

-Welcome!

-Intro: Thanks for being here! Revisit last week's points

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INTRO:

Hi, and welcome to Every Track Every Week. My name is _____ and I am involved with Texas FCA Motocross through _____. I've been involved with FCA MX for _____ years and my favorite thing about the ministry is_____.

This week's discussion is based upon episode #2 of our podcast "The Gospel Driven Athlete" titled, "For Our Sake," and we will be exploring the things we must DO to be saved. Is it a complex issue? A step by step program? Or, can it be as easy as a one step process? Let's find out together this week.

-Ice Breaker Question: *What kinds of "things" do we have to do, or have you been told that we have to do, in order to be a Christian?*

**John6:28-29 "Then they said to him, 'What must we do, to be doing the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.'"*

-Question 1: In Matthew 22:37-40 Jesus gives what is known as the "Great Commandment" when He says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." How well do you feel you are fulfilling the requirements that Jesus lays out here?

***Answers will vary- be vulnerable here.** Let your group know the areas where you do well and the areas where you struggle. Also make sure you don't come across like you fulfill any of these requirements perfectly.

-Question 2: Do you think it is even possible to FULLY fulfill these requirements?

***ANSWER:**

1.) If we are completely honest, I think we could all admit that we fall incredibly short of fulfilling any of these requirements. Eph3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," Regardless of how hard we try, we can never perfectly and fully fulfill these requirements.



2.) While these are great things for us to aspire to, and while God creates within us an increasing desire to obey His law, we will never fully fulfill them or obey them perfectly. That is part of the purpose of God's Law (which is what Jesus is giving here)- to show us our inability to uphold God's standard perfectly, which in turn drives us to the only place where perfect righteousness can be found- Christ.

Question 3: If we cannot fulfill these requirements, why do you think God placed them on us in the first place?

Answer:

1)*as we said in the last question, to show us our need for a Savior who can fulfill these requirements for us.

2) to describe what perfect obedience to the Law would look like, and for that picture to be so obviously out of our reach that we reflexively respond with gratitude for the fact that God has fulfilled this righteous requirement in our place. (2Corinthians 5:21-"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.")

3) *The point is most definitely NOT to give us more law to follow. The Law was never intended to save us in the first place, and if we needed more law to save us, we wouldn't need Jesus (who is the fulfillment of The Law).*

-Question 4: How are we to apply this to our daily lives? How should the Great Commandment inform us, as Christians?

ANSWER:

1) *The fact that we cannot fulfill these requirements is not an excuse to ignore them and do the complete opposite. Romans6:1-3 "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?"*

2) *These completely good and righteous requirements are meant to draw us closer to the One who requires perfection and also who IS perfection Himself and the fulfillment of the requirement of perfection on our behalf.*

3) *Like the rest of The Law, The Great Commandment should drive us to the foot of the cross, where our countless shortcomings are erased and replaced with the righteousness of Christ. This should motivate us to be more like Him, to image Him well, and to be grateful that although we will never fulfill the righteous requirement of The Law, He has fulfilled it in our place. Then let our actions be a reflection of the gratitude we have for the work Jesus has done on our behalf.*

-Lets pray.

