

COREbuilder Series  
Week 5 outline  
9.5.21

CHRIST CENTERED TEACHING:  
BECOMING GREAT HITTERS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD

1. HIT FROM A SOLID FOUNDATION (Matthew 7:24-27, Eph 1:19-20)

- a. Stay back
  - Jesus' timing is impeccable, don't get ahead of him
- b. Head down & arms bent
  - Jesus' grace is incomparable, stay reliant on him
- c. Strong core
  - Jesus' truth is unmatchedable, build our foundation in Christ

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SWINGING A BAT AND HITTING A BASEBALL.  
- OUR FOUNDATION IS JESUS -

2. SPEND TIME IN THE BATTING CAGE

- a. Stay centered in Scripture
- b. Set our load firmly in Jesus
  - 1. We pray in the name of Jesus (Jn 14:13)
  - 2. We apply scripture through the lens of Jesus (Lk 24:25-45; John 5:39-40)

THE BIBLE IS ALL ABOUT JESUS, NOT US  
The OLD TESTAMENT ...CHRIST'S ANTICIPATION  
The GOSPELS ...CHRIST'S MANIFESTATION  
ACTS ...CHRIST'S PROCLAMATION  
The EPISTLES ...CHRIST'S EXPLANATION  
REVELATION ...CHRIST'S CONSUMMATION  
(Rev. Tom Nelson)

- c. Build a rhythm of spiritual disciplines
  - Build our spiritual muscle memory

IN THE MOMENT OF TRUTH, WE FALL BACK ON THE HABITS WE CREATE.  
- OUR PREPARATION IS ESSENTIAL -

3. STAY PRESENT IN THE AT-BAT (Acts 8:26-40)

- a. Trust our preparation
  - Jesus is faithful to do a good work in us
- b. Stay focused
  - 1. Be present
    - with those God has placed in our midst
  - 2. Be aware
    - of the Spirit of God moving in and around us
- c. See the ball
  - Learn to recognize and react to the pitch when it comes across the plate
  - Take advantage of the opportunity
  - Don't get distracted

AT THE END OF THE DAY,  
A HITTER IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE PITCH THEY SWING AT.  
- OUR PITCH IS THE GOSPEL-