

Build the Boat

Finishing What You Started



Message Summary

Do you struggle to stay persistent when the excitement of a new task has worn off? It's easy to start things, but we're called to be faithful servants who finish our assignment. Together, we can change our perspective on success and what it means to follow God's purpose for our lives.

Key Scripture

... "Well done, my good and faithful servant. ..."

Matthew 25:23 NLT

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9 NIV

Additional Scriptures

- Genesis 6:8 MSG
- Genesis 6:18-22 NIV
- Romans 5:8 NIV
- Exodus 14:14 NIV
- Romans 8:31 NIV
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 NCV

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- How would you define "success"?

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read **Matthew 25:23**. Think of someone you know who is faithful. What are some of their qualities or habits?
- Read **Galatians 6:9**. How easy or difficult is it for you to finish what you start? How does this verse encourage you?

Start Sharing

Choose a question to create openness.

- Talk about a time when your expectations didn't match your reality. How did you process that experience with God and others?
- Share openly about what God is doing through your life. Is there anything He has called you to do that you need to finish? What obstacles are getting in your way, and how will you choose perseverance?

Start Praying

Lord, thank You for the specific calling You have placed on each of our lives. We pray that You would show us the missions that You are calling us to. Please help us to be obedient and faithful. Give us the perseverance to finish what You've called us to start. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start Doing

- This week, ask God what He wants you to do each day. Then, take the small daily steps of obedience.
- Start the Bible Plan *How to Overcome Negative Thoughts* using Plans With Friends: www.go2.lc/negativity
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.