

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**Nothin' But Net – Week 3****March 16th and 17th, 2024****Speaker: Pastor Kurt Brodbeck****Interview: Referee Tommy Short****Opening Questions**

- Welcome! In his interview with Pastor Kurt, Tommy Short shared his convictions about using his phone too much. He said that 89% of people will reach for their phone within five minutes of waking up. Most people will spend 4 hours on their phone on non-work-related items daily. How is your relationship with your phone? Do you use it too much? Does it interfere with your relationships with your family or God?

Open Your Group with Prayer

- Ask someone to open in prayer and bless your discussion together.

Scripture Passages

- Groups will begin the discussion by reading some of the message's key scriptures aloud. Please assign the following to read: Philippians 3:4-6; Acts 8:1-3; Acts 9:1-19; 2 Corinthians 11:22-33; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Initial Discussion Question

- What stood out to you from the sermon? Did you have any initial takeaways from this week's message?

Questions from the Message

- Saul, a murderer and persecutor of the early church, experienced an amazing life transformation when he encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus. His story proves you are never too far gone for Jesus' pursuit and redemption. What experience do you have of seeing God show up to redeem a person or situation that seemed unredeemable? How has God worked in your life this way?
- Pastor Kurt interviewed Referee Tommy Short, who has experience helping the U.S. Men's Olympic team, "The Redeem Team," prepare for the Olympic Games. However, he shared how his priorities were misaligned. He asked himself, "Am I chasing accomplishments or pursuing Jesus?" Have your priorities ever been misaligned? Put the following in order of actual priority (today) for you: Career, Family, Friends, Faith/God, Hobbies. What's misaligned? How have you kept the most important things at the top of your priority list?
- Tommy shared how, in his experience as a referee, he noticed that the best players and coaches (outside of the moment) don't blame others (referees) for their failures. They accept responsibility for how and where they failed and could have improved to get the victory. Excuses are easy, but accepting responsibility is difficult. How can we assume ownership of our spiritual growth and development using this analogy? What must you do to ensure you are moving forward in your faith? What growth area or spiritual discipline are you being challenged to pursue further? How can this group help?

Challenge and Application

- What is God challenging you to do in response to this discussion? Get practical. What will you do this week?

Close Your Group with Prayer

- Pray together for your application and response points from your discussion as a group. Share any praises, joys, or areas of concern. How can this group be praying for you and your family this week? *(Please ask someone to distribute these via GroupMe, text, or email so you can pray for one another throughout the week.)*