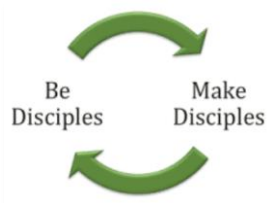
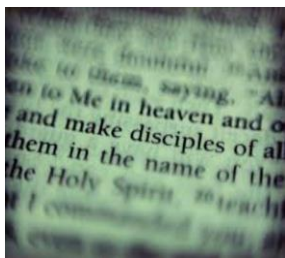


Evangelistic Lessons Learned from Super Bowl LII



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Super Bowl LII has come and gone and with it came a great game and excitement. As I watched the game I could not help but think about some lessons Christians can learn from the biggest game of the year.

1. Things may not work now, but may work later: The Patriots played dismally during the first half of the football game. They even had problems executing trick plays. Some of the same plays they ran in the first half were not effective, but were in the second half. When it comes to evangelism, things may not be successful today, but they may be successful later. This is why the church should never abandon the work of evangelism.

2. Things may start off fast, but they can slow down: The Eagles were putting up points while the Patriots were struggling. Then all of a sudden the momentum changed and the Patriots began scoring points quickly. It is possible for a church to realize quick success when doing evangelistic work, but remember, eventually it may slow down. When it does slow down, the church must continue to work to save souls. Although the Patriots scored quickly, the Eagles kept scoring and eventually scored enough to win the game.

3. Talent is not always a guarantee for success: It was Tom Brady the all-world quarterback versus Nick Foles the backup quarterback. When comparing statistics, Tom Brady's numbers and body of work far surpassed Nick Foles. Clearly, Brady has more talent than Nick Foles, but who won the game? Evangelism is not only about talent you may have, it is about your faith, willingness to serve, and love for lost souls. This is why it is possible for any Christian to become a soul-winner. Christians are not born soul-winners; they are developed into soul-winners.

4. Coaching is important: Both teams had great coaching staffs working with them. They set the direction, planned the offensive and defensive schemes, and helped develop players into Super Bowl contenders. Coaching is important in the church if people are to become evangelistic. Jesus was the greatest to ever develop men and women to help carry out His mission. He trained, taught, developed, and molded them into leaders so that His precious mission of saving souls could continue when He ascended into Heaven.

5. The Hard work is worth the reward: After the Eagles won the game, the trophy was being carried to the platform and the players who sacrificed so much to their time, effort, and being had a chance to touch and hold the trophy. After reaching the pinnacle of the football world, those players forgot about the pain of sacrificing each day. We must work and sacrifice to reach and save lost souls. As we serve by evangelizing, people will reject the message, scorn our name, make fun of our beliefs, become mad at the truth, or even become mad at you, but when the Lord returns and gives us our reward, those things that happened on this side of eternity will not compare to the beauty and splendor that awaits us on the other side! All of the sacrifices here will be worth it. -K.A. Pugh