

NEW LIFE

Today at 6:30pm one of the biggest events of the year will occur

This event will be viewed by approximately 115 million people

The NBC Network reports that they
will have

- 106 cameras at this event
- 50 miles worth of camera and microphone cable
- more than 500 workers on site

A 30-second commercial spot during this event is estimated to cost \$166,000 per/sec

The National Chicken Council says that Americans will devour more than 1.3 billion chicken wings in celebration of this event

This event occurs on a field
120yards long by 53.33 yards wide

This event will begin with a coin
toss and end after 60 minutes of
battle time

22 men at a time on this field will
battle for a trophy, a ring, and
\$112,000

This event consist of two teams
going head to head

The New England Patriots



and



The Philadelphia Eagles

Each team is made up of 53 players

NFL salary cap in 2017 \$167
million

Build the best team of 53 players
and spending 167 million or less

The goal is two fold

- Assemble a team
- Cultivate the team

In the book of Acts God is
doing that very thing

He is assembling and
cultivating His team

Acts 2

Vs 37

When the people heard this, they
were cut to the heart and said to
Peter and the other apostles,
"Brothers, what shall we do?"

When they heard this...

God sent His Son, Jesus, into
your life and you have rejected
Him

Revelation 3:20

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.” – *Jesus* –

This Jesus that is knocking on your
door loves you

He has a plan and purpose for you

He is choosing you

He wants to adopt you

He is seeking you and wants to
save you

He wants to break the power of
sin in your life

He wants to redeem you
(pay your sin debt)

He wants to set you upright

He wants to line you up with God

He wants to empower you

He wants to light your path

He wants to give you life

You keep rejecting Him

You have not answer the door

They were cut to the heart

My heart feels sick

The warning light on the dash of
your soul is on

Conviction – “that is me!”

What shall we do?

Vs 38

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Repent

- Change your outlook
- Have a change of heart
- Reverse the direction of your life

Repentance will produce a
changed conduct, but changed
conduct does not produce
repentance

Vs 39

The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off-- for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Vs 40

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

“Answer my knock” – *Jesus*

Vs 41

Those who accepted his message
were baptized, and about three
thousand were added to their
number that day.

Vs 42

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Cultivating the team 101

Devoted

Unremitting dedication to

An unwillingness to let go of

The team is cultivated when it
refuses to let go

Apostle's teaching

#1

Word of God

2 Timothy 3:16-17

- God-breathed
- The Word will teach, rebuke, correct and train me
- The Word will thoroughly equip me for every good work

Hebrews 4:12

- The Word is living and active
- The Word is sharper than any double-edged sword
- The Word does surgery on my soul, spirit, thoughts and attitude

James 1:21

➤ When the Word is planted in me it will save me

Ephesians 6:17

➤ The Word is the sword of the Spirit

➤ The Word protects

➤ The Word clears new roads

The Word is a

- coping saw and a chain saw
- scalpel and a guillotine
- trowel and a bull dozer
- tissue and sandpaper

The team is cultivated when it
refuses to let go of

#2

Fellowship, to the breaking
of bread

Galatians 6:2

Carry each other's burdens...

Hebrews 3:13

Encourage one another daily...

Hebrews 10:24

Spur one another on toward love
and good deeds.

James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

The team is cultivated when it
refuses to let go of

#3

Prayer

Vs 43

Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.

Vs 44-45

All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

The team is cultivated when it
refuses to let go of

#4

The team

46-47a

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.

Vs 47b

And the Lord added to their
number daily those who were
being saved.

The team is assembled as the
players answer the knock of Jesus

The team is cultivated when it
refuses to let go of the

- Word
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Team