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# Sports Ministry

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As followers of Christ, we know we need to be in community with God and one another. By being in community we are able to support and encourage each other as well as being supported to live and grow as followers of Christ. Through loving and supporting we fulfill our purpose as God's image-bearers in this world. By doing this, we open up opportunities for others to see God.

We see sports ministry as a space to live out our purpose as God's image-bearers. This can be achieved through exchanging encouragements during sports as well as learning new skills through the time spent together. Similarly, we should encourage and learn from our individual walks with Christ, and through that we can strengthen our bonds so that we may not easily stumble when trials arise. Sports ministry also gives newcomers a chance to experience what it means to be in community with God and one another in hope that they will see God through us.

In John 17:20-22 (NRSV), when Jesus prays for his disciples he said: *"Task not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."* The vision specified for sports ministry this year is exploring and living out what it means to be one as God is one. As Jesus said in Matthew 22:37-40, the two greatest commandments is to love God and love others. In the same way we want to grasp what it means to love God so much that we are one with him.



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To begin to do this we must first know God's agape love for us and be transformed by it. By first understanding how to love from God, we are then capable of sharing that love with others, thus becoming one in Christ.

We hope to live out this vision by incorporating a chilling/sharing and prayer time after playing sports each week. By doing this we initiate an opportunity to practice this love for each other as well as building each other up to live as followers of Christ. We also believe that we are a global community, therefore this love should be extended outside of UTCCF. At the end of the day, we want sports ministry to be a community where we can experience what it means to be one with God and each other.