



Discussion Guide for “Beating a Rigged Game”

From A to Z Week 4

So much of our world is grounded in competition – who gets the most votes, has the most money, the best looking family, best grades and so on. No wonder they call it a rat race. It’s nothing new – we’ve been fighting to be on top for thousands of years. What sets Jesus apart is not that he’s strong enough to win – it’s that he refuses to play the game at all. What does that mean for us today?

Scriptures for Further Reading

Psalm 93; Matthew 22:15-22; Colossians 2:13-15; Revelation 5

click here to [read all scriptures](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week’s sacred reading is [Matthew 22:15-22](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. What are your favorite games? How do you ‘win’ them?
2. Are there spaces in our culture where you see ‘rigged games’?
3. Review Psalm 93. How does it undercut the stories other cultures told about their gods?
4. How does the author of Colossians explain Jesus’ crucifixion as a victory?
5. What does it look like for you to embrace God’s outside the box way of winning by losing?