

ALTERNATE HALFTIME DEVOTIONS & ACTIVITIES

UPWARD
SPORTS

GAME: Office Tennis

THEMES:

Teamwork

PARTICIPANTS: 2-4

SUPPLIES: 1 clipboard per person, 1 trashcan per pair, sheets of notebook paper

INSTRUCTIONS:

Participants have 60 seconds to hit a paper ball back and forth with clipboards from one sideline to the other. Players must move along the field/court hitting the "ball" back and forth without dropping it. If it falls, they must start over at the beginning.

Players are not allowed to "catch" or "carry" the ball on their clipboards. It must be a clean hit. The first team to get across safely and hit the ball into the trashcan at the other sideline is the winner. **You can also do this game with only one team competing against the clock.**

DEVOTION:

Who would've guessed hitting a paper ball back and forth would be so tricky? There's no question a game like this takes teamwork. If one player hits the ball too hard, too soft, or too far, the team won't have success.

Did you know teamwork doesn't just apply to sports? Good teamwork is an attribute we want to have in all areas of life: at work, at home, with our friends, and with our neighbors. It especially applies to the church. We read in Romans 15 that we need to live "in complete harmony with each other". This sounds easier than it is though. We all have our own quirks, our own personalities that can rub others the wrong way.

Ask yourself this: how am I actively working to live in harmony with others? Are you the type of person that seems to attract conflict? How can you be a peacemaker? How can you come alongside someone else to accomplish a goal together and glorify God at the same time?

PRAYER

- » Thank God for creating us uniquely in his image.
- » Ask God to help us live in harmony with each other.
- » Ask God to help us to seek peace and be better teammates in work, at home, and in the church.