

Part 3

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What was something that you found interesting from the message on Sunday? What was challenging?
- 2. Have you had a favorite celebrity/athlete make a big mistake that ruined their career? Who was it? What happened?
- 3. What would you say are your natural giftings or the things you are "just good at"?
- 4. A shadow mission is when our given abilities and strengths turn into self-preservation, self-indulgence, or just plain selfishness. For Lance Armstrong, his grit and determination turned into a "win at all costs" mindset which allowed him to justify cheating. Based on your natural gifting, what would you say is your shadow mission? (*This is a hard one…take time to talk it out with your group!*)
- 5. Read Ephesians 2:1-3.
 - a. What are some ways of the world you have noticed? Are there any that seem to sweep people up? What are they?
 - b. What does it mean to "gratify the desires of the flesh"?
 - c. How does the "spirit of the air" seem to animate our bad choices?
- 6. Read Ephesians 2:14-18.
 - a. What does it mean that Jesus is our peace?
 - b. How did Jesus tear down the "dividing wall of hostility"?

Next Steps:

• How do we tear down our shadow mission following Jesus' example? What can we do this week to make a change?