

# A Panther Man L.E.A.D.S. LOVE



## THE GAME-PLAN

- Learn what it means to love your teammates.

## THE WARM-UP

- Who is your favorite NFL and/or NCAA football player?
- What is your favorite NFL and/or NCAA football team?
- What do you love the most about the game of football?

*“If my mother put on a helmet and shoulder pads and a uniform that wasn't the same as the one I was wearing, I'd run over her if she was in my way. And I love my mother.”*  
—Bo Jackson

## THE KICKOFF

We all play football because we love the game. It is easy to love; the lights, the crowds, the challenge, and of course, the hitting. Loving the game makes you a fan, but loving the guy next to you makes you a teammate. Loving the game can make you a good player, but loving the player next to you can make you a winning team.

Do you feel it is important to love your teammates? Why?

How does loving your teammates change how you play the game?

*I know my teammates got me, and they know I've got them.* —Julio Jones

## THE GRIND

If we are supposed to love our teammates, how do we do that?

*Consider 1 Corinthians 13:7 MSG*

*Love always looks for the best, never looks back, and keeps going until the end.*

What are some of “the best” things you have seen in your teammates this year?

Are there any things that your teammates have done that you need to forgive?

What are some commitments for this season that you can make to your teammates?



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## THE SCORE

1 John 4:19 tells us that, “We love because he (God) first loved us.”

You were created to love; your family, your friends, and God. You can love, because, “God is love.”

How can understanding God’s love for us help us love others?

What are some things that we struggle with that get in the way of loving God?

## DIG DEEPER

Read 1 John 4:10-11 NLT:

“This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.”

What should be our response to the love that God has shown us?

*You and I are players, God’s our coach, and we’re playing the biggest game of all. We have a loving God that made us. We need to get on His team. —Joe Gibbs*

## SCRIPTURAL FOCUS

*1 Corinthians 13:7 MSG*

*Love always looks for the best.*

*Love never looks back.*

*Love keeps going until the end.*

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Consider texting the following resources to your CLAW Groups:

[Dabo Sweeney on Love](#)

[How to Help New Teammates Feel Like They Belong](#)