



BETTER ATHLETES  
BETTER PEOPLE

## Discussion Guide: *Chariots Of Fire*

*Chariots Of Fire* depicts the incredible true story of two runners whose paths cross in the 1924 Olympics. Eric Liddell is a devout Scottish Christian who runs for the glory of God. Harold Abrahams is an English Jew who runs to overcome prejudice. These runners learn from each other as they represent different countries and different hardships. Major themes presented in this film include the determination to succeed, ability to not give up, and a notion that athletes are participating in something bigger than themselves.

**Take advantage of the teachable moments presented in *Chariots Of Fire* by using these questions to help guide a discussion with your team or children.**

- 1.) What is symbolic about the title of the movie?
  
- 2.) How do you define success? After watching the movie, do you find your definition more like Eric Liddell's or Harold Abrahams's?
  
- 3.) In a scene in which Eric Liddell is speaking to a crowd, he compares running to faith stating, "From within, Jesus said, Behold, the kingdom of God is within you. If with all your hearts, you truly seek me, you shall ever find me. If you commit yourself to the love of Christ, then that is how you run a straight race". What do you think is significant about Eric Liddell's speech to the crowd? Why do you think he delivers this speech?
  
- 4.) Why do you think it is so hard for the Master of Trinity to accept the fact that Harold's trainer, Mr. Mussabini, is a professional?
  
- 5.) Which philosophy do you think better complements Positive Coaching Alliance's mission to develop Better Athletes, Better People, Harold's or Master of Trinity's?

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