

“Husker Football”

Since August is here, that means only one thing: Husker Football is only a month away! Saturday, September 5, the season kicks off against Florida Atlantic at Memorial Stadium.

I am excited, not only because I love the fall and football season, but also because it provides one of the greatest opportunities that Nebraskans have to share Jesus Christ. You probably are thinking, “Hey, Tom, what in the world do you mean?” Thanks for asking!

Throughout the months of August and September our church will provide two tools you can share with others that will either, 1) Help them come to know Jesus Christ; or, 2) grow in their knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The first is a book titled Lessons From Nebraska Football. It is authored by one of the regular attenders of our church, Gordon Thiessen (an ex-Husker player and regional leader for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes). This well-written book contains several short readings—each one revealing something that can be learned about life, Jesus, Christ, and what it means to know Him.

The beauty of this work is that it would be great for a family to use in family devotions, a Christian to read as a supplement to Bible reading, or to give as a gift to someone who does not have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Since we will offer them for a reduced rate, you may want to buy one to keep and one (or more) to give away.

The second tool is a book titled Miracle In Missouri. This short booklet uses Matt Davison’s amazing catch in the 1997 game against Missouri (and the drive which propelled the Huskers to Coach Osborne’s final national championship) as a means of explaining how a person can find eternal life in Jesus Christ.

This booklet is short enough and inexpensive enough to make it a perfect tool to give to someone(s) who does not know Jesus Christ.

One of the ways we will seek to make these two books even more effective outreach and ministry tools is to supply a bookmark with each copy that will include a link to sites where interviews with Christian players on the Huskers can be viewed. This will multiply their punch!

Here is the most exciting part of these two books. Recently in a sermon I talked about CPR outreach—a way of telling other people the good news of Jesus Christ which includes cultivating relationships, planting the seed, and reaping the harvest. Some of you even took the one-in-one CPR challenge: To pray and work to reach at least one other person over the next year.

These two books can give all of us direction in how to plant the seed with others.

I would encourage you to look for these books in the foyer. You can also order them at: crosstrainingpublishing.com.

Let’s make this more than an enjoyable winning football season. Let’s enjoy winning others to Christ through the football season!

Joyfully Following And Loving With You,

Pastor Tom