



Athlete Bible Studies

Athletes reading the Bible together in Italy



Vision

Our vision is to create a **nationwide network of Bible study groups** for professional athletes across Italy, providing a supportive community where they can grow in faith, resilience, and purpose. By connecting athletes from all sports, we aim to inspire a culture of integrity, compassion, and positive influence both within their teams and in the broader sports community.

Project Context

In Italy, professional athletes often experience **feelings of isolation** due to demanding training and competition schedules, which make it challenging to maintain regular connections with faith communities. Many are unable to attend church consistently, leading to a sense of disconnection from spiritual support. This project aims to address this **gap** by creating Bible study groups tailored to the unique lifestyles of athletes, providing them with a space to **connect with like-minded individuals**, share in their faith, and build a supportive community that understands their challenges.



Looking back on 2026

This year has been a season of transition for the Bible study network in Italy. With a key leader relocating during the season and several athletes retiring, we were not able to expand Bible studies across the country as planned. Our gatherings have primarily taken place online, and we are now working to establish a consistent schedule for virtual meetings beginning in mid-to-late September. Organizing an in-person retreat has also been challenging due to athletes' schedules and finding a suitable location.

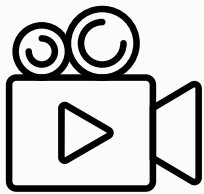
Plans for 2026

In 2027, we hope to strengthen regular online Bible studies, reconnect with active players and coaches, and identify new athletes who want to grow in faith and serve others. A key focus will be developing and supporting younger leaders, encouraging athletes to take greater ownership of the ministry, and exploring opportunities for in-person gatherings when schedules and locations allow.



Prayer requests:

- **Wisdom and direction** for the team as we seek God's will and navigate this season.
- **Active players and coaches**, that their lives and testimony would have an impact on those around them.
- **New athletes and leaders** who have a desire to serve, take responsibility, and become actively involved in the ministry.



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