

Olympics Quiz

- 1. Which of these times is Usain Bolt's Olympic and World Record?
– 9.69
- 2. How many Olympic Gold medals has Michael Phelps won in total? (not just Beijing!)
– 14 (8 Beijing, 6 Athens + 2 silver)
- 3. Which Scottish city is Chris Hoy from?
– Edinburgh
- 4. Which of these is Uganda's total Olympic medal count?
– (c) 1G, 3S, 2B - (a) is Peru's!!
- 5. How many medals did Britain win in Beijing?
– (a) 19G, 13S, 15B
- 6. Where and when will the next Olympics be held?
– London, 2012
- 7. What is Rebecca Adlington's home town?
– Mansfield
- 8. Tim Brabants won gold in 1000m K1 Kayak. What career will he be returning to??
– doctor
- 9. What is the popular name of the Beijing Olympic stadium?
– Birds Nest
- 10. Why did the USA not feature in the 4x100m final?
– Dropped the baton!

Olympics (part 1)

- *For each part, have someone bring the relevant card up from their seat...*

1. Unwavering

- 100m runner will have a clear focus on the finish line...
– we are to have a clear focus on Jesus, not on anyone or anything else

2. Disciplined

- Lifestyle of athletes...
– not out clubbing the night before their race!!
– we are to be disciplined in following Jesus, in putting to one side both those things that are bad in themselves **and** those things that, while not wrong in themselves, hold us back from pursuing God fully

3. Trained

- Athletes can't get to top performance on their own - need a coach
– like coach at Basketball, giving training exercises, skills, etc
– cf Joshua 8, his "team talk" there
– **God is our head coach**, he is training us to live for him
– he may use other Christians along the way to help us...

Olympics (part 2)

4. Encouraged

- What good does the crowd do?
 - Hebrews 12:1, cloud of witnesses...
 - and encouraging one another (eg conversations after last Sunday night?)

5. Freed

- What difference between a fun marathon, raising money for charity and Olympics?
 - one difference is the presence - or otherwise - of costumed competitors!
 - in Olympics, everyone has the lightest, most efficient shoes and clothes
 - not held back by anything!
 - to run for Christ, we too need to be freed of those patterns of behaviour, those habits, that spoil our relationship with God

6. Rewarded

- Reward ceremony - emotion of the flag going up and the national anthem, the medals round the neck...
 - there is a reward for **all** who finish the Christian race
 - we **win** by pressing on to the end, not by beating others