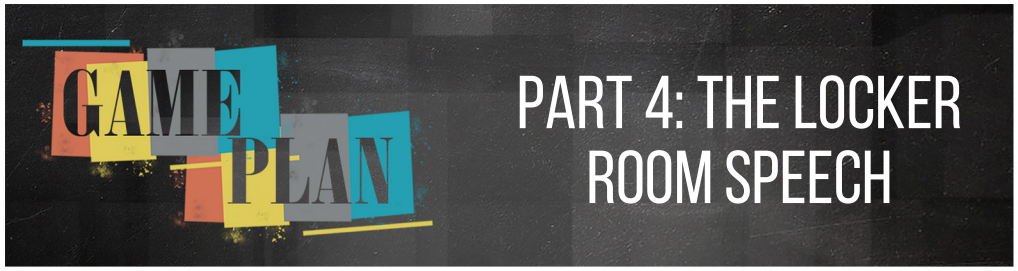

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. *- John 14:12 (NIV)*

ABC's of the locker-room speech:

Acknowledge the DIFFICULTY

"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe." *- John 14:28-29 (NIV)*

Build an awareness of VITALITY

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. *- John 14:26 (NIV)*

Communicate a plan of VICTORY

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing…This is to my Father's glory, ***that you bear much fruit****, showing yourselves to be my disciples.* *- John 15:5, 8 (NIV)*

Keys to bearing fruit:

RECEIVE God's love

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love." *- John 15:9 (NIV)*

REMAIN in God's love

"If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." *- John 15:11 (NIV)*

REFLECT God's love

"My command is this: Love each other ***as I have loved you****."* *- John 15:12 (NIV)*

How did Jesus love you?

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. *- John 15:13 (NIV)*