

**BIG TRUTH: THE CHURCH IS A REDEEMED PEOPLE**

Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14; Luke 1:68; Hebrews 9:12; Nehemiah 1:10; Isaiah 43:1

**BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 3:23-25A**

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.”

**BIG IDEAS**

- Redemption is God’s action of purchasing a people out of slavery.
- Jesus was the atoning sacrifice to pay the price for our freedom and redemption.
- Sin no longer has power over those who have been set free in Christ.

**BIBLE PASSAGE: EXODUS 12; HEBREWS 9-10**

**UNITE: LIVING IN COMMUNITY**

The Unite year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are brought into the family of God- seen throughout the Old Testament as “God’s People” and in the New Testament and today as the church (Exodus 6:7; Colossians 1:18). We are set free from our sin to walk in freedom in Christ (Galatians 5:1) and use our influence to call others to do the same.

**SERIES AIMS**



**Every student should know...**

- God has always been making and keeping a people for Himself
- In this age, the church is God’s people
- Being a part of God’s people should inform every aspect of our lives



**Every student should feel...**

- Love for God and the people of God
- Accountable to God and to the church to pursue holiness
- Responsible to use their influence to make much of God alone



**Every student should strive to...**

- Study the connections between God’s people in the Old Testament
- and the church in the New Testament
- Memorize the Bible verse each week
- Invite others into God’s people, the church



**Every student should want...**

- Be marked by their faith
- Talk about God every day, in every setting and circle of influence
- Live as a faithful member of their local church

**STUDENT WORKOUT:**

This week we will ponder the truth that the church is a redeemed people. We will pray for hearts that seek to live in the freedom purchased by Jesus as we practice obeying God daily.



**Read Exodus 12 and Hebrews 9-10 this week. Answer the following questions in your journal:**

- What is the relationship between redemption and freedom?
- In Exodus 12:1-28, what are the elements of the Passover? Why is it to become a memorial ceremony?
- In Exodus 12:29-32, how do these verses reveal God's faithfulness to His people and His Word?
- In Exodus 12:33-51, what do these verses tell us about God's power over all things and the freedom He gives to His people?
- In Hebrews 9, what type of redemption did Christ secure? Why is this significant?
- In Hebrews 10, what is the role of the priests and how do their actions contrast with the action of Jesus on the cross?
- How is Jesus' sacrifice greater than the sacrifices of the priests?
- Do the people around you see a difference in how you live as one who has been set free from sin and redeemed for Christ? How do you know? How can you grow in this this week?



**Spend time in prayer this week:**

- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live in the truth that you are free from the power of sin over you.
- Pray with your parents or small group leader this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you recognize the ways you have not been walking in freedom of the power of sin.



**Memorize Romans 3:23-25a this week.**

- Write the verses on index cards to help you remember them. Ask someone to help you review them.
- Think through some of the sins that you feel have power over you. Make a list of some of the attitudes or behaviors that feel habitual to you or like things you cannot overcome. Next, remind yourself that each of these are things that no longer have power over you. Share these with your parents or small group leader.
- Meet with your small group leader to talk through two or three ways you can practice living in the freedom you have in Christ. Discuss how the church as a whole is a redeemed people and can live free of the power of sin. Discuss the difference between battling against the flesh and the flesh having power over us.