

TRUE FRIENDS MAKE KNOWN THE LOVE OF JESUS

BIG TRUTH: TRUE FRIENDS MAKE KNOWN THE LOVE OF JESUS

John 15:15; Proverbs 27:17; Acts 4:23-24; Job 32:3

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 15:15

"No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing, but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you."

BIG IDEAS

- Making Jesus known begins when we personally encounter Jesus.
- True friendship means caring more about the soul than acceptance.
- True friendship means inviting others to join you as you follow Jesus.

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 1:35-51

KNEEL - I AM AN AMBASSADOR

The Kneel Year is an exploration of what it means to worship God with our all (Luke 10:26-28). Worship is not something that is limited to a service once a week, but instead occurs every day, in all of life. We are unceasing worshippers. Worship never stops, it only changes directions. In order to worship God with all of our heart, soul, strength, and mind, we must embrace our identity as image bearers. It is out of that identity that we can begin to live for God's glory in all of life (Colossians 3:17).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- The gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ that brings salvation to sinners.
- Salvation comes by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.
- Jesus followers have been trusted with the gospel in order to share it with others.



Every student should strive to...

- Share the gospel each month with at least one person who does not know Jesus.
- Practice sharing the gospel using multiple different tools or methods.



Every student should feel...

- Humbled that as believers we have been entrusted with the glorious gospel of our Savior.
- Satisfied in Jesus as the only true Savior



Every student should want...

- To grow in awareness of the false saviors they are tempted to put their hope in.
- To have a softened heart and love for people who are lost
- To take advantage of opportunities to share the gospel with people in their lives who need Christ

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will consider what it means to be a true friend to others. We will pray to see others as souls and not just people. We will practice telling others the truth about the Gospel as we seek to be true friends to them.

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**Read and meditate on John 1:35-51.**

As you read and meditate on these verses, ask yourself these questions:

- How did an encounter with Jesus change the lives of John the Baptist, Simon Peter, Philip, and Andrew?
- How does knowing Jesus make it possible for you to tell others about Him?
- Do you desire to tell others about Jesus? Why or why not?
- What are some obstacles you face in being a true friend to others by telling them about Jesus?

Consider what it means to invite others to join you in following Jesus. Is this easy or hard for you to do? Do you see people as souls or do you worry about being accepted by them more? How can you focus more on their souls than your acceptance this week?

**Set aside time each morning for prayer this week.**

- In this time, ask the Holy Spirit to show you how you've cared more for acceptance than for a person's soul. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to see all people as souls that will either spend eternity with God or separated from Him.
- Spend time praying with your parent or small group leader this week. As you pray together, pray for boldness to be a good friend to the lost people in your life.

**Think through some 'difficult' people you have in your life.**

- Write at least one person's name down in your phone or a notebook. Pray over this person and ask God to burden you for their soul.
- Think through the people in your life who influence you, especially focusing on the friends you have who have great influence over you. Make a list of the ways you may value their acceptance over living boldly for Christ. Think of at least one way you can take steps towards being a true friend rather than seeking approval.