

## JESUS IS LIFE

**BIG TRUTH: JESUS IS LIFE**

John 1:3-4; 20:31; Romans 6:23; 2 Timothy 1:1; 1 John 5:20

**BIBLE VERSE: COLOSSIANS 2:13-14**

*“And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.”*

**BIG IDEAS**

- Jesus cancelled the sin debt that we owed so that we might receive life.
- To be a Christian is to abide in Jesus, which produces a heart of thanksgiving.
- Life in Christ means we live for Him, not for religious morality.

**BIBLE PASSAGE: COLOSSIANS 2:6-23****KNEEL - I AM AN IMAGE BEARER**

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 worshipers. 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...**

- They exist for God's glory
- The life of a Jesus follower is a life of constantly pursuing being more like Christ.

**Every student should feel...**

- A deep love for God's Word.
- Humbled that God would use us to make Him known.

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

- Spend time each day studying God's Word and letting it shape their thoughts, feelings, and actions.
- Flee temptation and strive to “put off” sinful desires, thoughts, and actions.

**Every student should want...**

- To have a healthy fear of the Lord that leads them to walk in His wisdom.
- To pursue Christlikeness in their attitudes, desires, thoughts, and actions.
- To walk in and model a life of purity because God is pure.

**STUDENT WORKOUT:**

This week we will consider what it means to live for Jesus. We will pray for a heart that pursues Christ above all and we will practice dying to ourselves and living for Christ daily.

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**Read and meditate on Colossians 2:6-23 this week.**

- Ponder what it means to receive life through Jesus. How does Jesus' death bring new life to you? What does it mean to have your sin debt forgiven by Jesus? How do you struggle to live in the truth that your sin debt is forgiven?
- Consider what it means to live for Christ. How can you pursue a knowledge of Christ in your daily life? What areas of your life do you find harder to die to? What distractions keep you from growing in your knowledge of Christ? How have you pursued religious morality over pursuing Christ?

**Spend time in prayer this week every day.**

- As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to help you have right thoughts, ideas, and behaviors that reveal you are pursuing Him.
- Spend time in prayer with your parent or small group leader. As you pray together, ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the ways you pursue religious morality instead of Christ. Ask for the Holy Spirit to help you repent of this and to seek Christ above all else.

**Spend time memorizing Colossians 2:13-14 this week.**

- Spend time evaluating your daily life. Answer the following questions: How do you live for Christ daily? Do you seek to live for Christ only when you are with your Christian friends or are at church? Do you read and study your Bible daily or weekly? Do you pray each day? What time of day can you set aside for daily prayer and Bible study?
- Discuss with your parent or small group leader ways you can pursue a knowledge of Christ. Ask your parent or small group leader to share some of the ways that he or she pursues Christ daily. Talk through ways you can pursue Christ daily.