

**BIG TRUTH: WE ARE RAISED WITH CHRIST**

Romans 6:4; Ephesians 2:6; 4:17, 23-24

**BIBLE VERSE: COLOSSIANS 3:1**

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.”

**BIG IDEAS**

- Being raised with Christ redirects our desires.
- Being raised with Christ transforms our thinking.
- Being raised with Christ compels us to live today in light of Jesus’ second coming.

**BIBLE PASSAGE: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4****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 ponder what it means to live looking forward to Christ’s second coming. We will pray for understanding of how to live for Christ’s return now and we will practice setting our minds on things above.

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**Read and meditate on Colossians 3:1-4 this week.**

- Consider what it means to set your mind on things above. How can you discipline yourself to direct your thoughts to Christ? What behaviors or actions cause you to struggle to set your mind on Christ? What does it mean to hope in Christ's second coming? How does life with Christ transform your desires? What desires do not bring God glory?
- Consider what it means to live today in the hope of your eternity. How can you live each day as if Christ could come back? Ponder the importance of taking your thoughts captive and discipling yourself to anticipate Christ's second coming.

**Set aside time to spend in prayer each day this week.**

- As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to help you recognize the thoughts and desires that do not bring God glory. Repent of these things and seek to set your mind on the things of God.
- Spend time praying with your parent or small group leader this week. Share some of the thoughts or desires that you struggle with. Pray together for your complete repentance of these things and for you to set your mind on the things of Christ.

**As you evaluate your desires and thoughts this week, keep track in a notebook of the ones that dishonor God or lead you to become distracted with this world.**

- Choose a few of these thoughts to replace with Scripture. Write the verses you find to replace your thoughts and desires on index cards. Keep them with you this week and determine to take your thoughts captive and replace them with God's truth.
- Talk to your parent or small group leader and ask them what they intentionally do to help them live for Jesus second coming. Ask them for advice on how you can set your heart and your mind on God's kingdom this week.
- Discuss some ways you can share the gospel with your friends and serve in your church and community in anticipation of Christ's return.