

JESUS FOLLOWERS EXIST FOR GOD'S GLORY

BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS EXIST FOR GOD'S GLORY

Isaiah 66:22; 65:17; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:23, 29; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 3:12

BIBLE VERSE: COLOSSIANS 3:17

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

BIG IDEAS

- Every moment is an opportunity to live for God's glory.
- We can live for God's glory through our words and deeds.
- We live for God's glory through our relationships.

BIBLE PASSAGE: COLOSSIANS 3:18-4:1

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 for God's glory. We will pray for a greater understanding of how to live for God's glory and we will practice glorifying God in our lives and through our relationships.

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**Read and meditate on Colossians 3:18-4:1 this week.**

- As you read these verses consider how your life glorifies God. In what ways have your words and deeds not matched? Do your words and deeds reveal that you know and are living in pursuit of God? Do you live for God's glory at home by honoring your parents? Do you live for God's glory at school?
- Consider how you can submit to your parents' authority better. Are there things that you do in secret that are dishonoring or disrespectful to your parents? Are there ways you can better submit to your teachers at school? Do you seek to please God above pleasing your friends or other adults in your life?

**Set aside time to pray each day this week.**

- As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to help you live for God's glory in everything you do. Pray specifically that your words and deeds would match and you would honor God in every part of your life. Pray that your life would reveal a pursuit of God and that you would not live as if you have arrived at the end of pursuing God.
- Make a point to pray with your parents or small group leader this week. As you pray with them, ask the Holy Spirit to help you live in submission to the authorities in your life, such as your parents and leaders. Pray for a heart and spirit of submission that brings God glory.

**Spend some time evaluating your words and actions.**

- Think through some of the ways that your words and actions do not align with God's Word. Think through the way you treat your friends, siblings, parents, or the people you work with if you have a job. How do you treat the people in your youth group? Do you show love to everyone regardless of how they treat you? Are there ways you could better glorify God by showing respect to leaders and to your parents? Determine to show everyone in your daily life respect and love.
- Discuss with your small group leader ways you struggle to respect the authorities in your life. Discuss ways you can overcome this struggle and how to focus on glorifying God so that you can submit to all authority.