BIG TRUTH: IMAGE BEARERS ARE UNCEASING WORSHIPERS

1 John 5:21; Luke 10:27-28; Colossians 2:6-7; 2 Peter 2:2

BIBLE VERSE: ROMANS 1:25

"Because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen."

BIG IDEAS

- Worship never stops; it only changes direction.
- We were created to worship God alone.
- Sin lies to us and distorts our worship by turning our hearts toward false saviors.

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 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 were created in God's image and likeness for the purpose of worship.
- Value, purpose, significance, and worth are found in and flow from God alone.



Every student should strive to...

- Understand and embrace who God created them to be.
- Talk about gender and identity as a gift from the Lord for His purposes and His glory.
- Memorize the Bible verse each week.



Every student should feel...

- Awe that God created them in His own image.
- Loved by their heavenly Father who knows them better than they know themselves and still pursues them.



Every student should want...

- To have a deeper relationship with the God who made them in His image.
- To pursue a lifestyle of worship that centers on the true Savior and rejects false saviors.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder the subject of our worship. We will pray for greater recognition and understanding of the ways sin leads us to worship other things and we will practice worshiping God alone.

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Read and meditate on Romans 1:25 this week.

- As you meditate, consider your own worship. How have you worshiped the created things rather than the Creator? How have you focused on yourself or other temporal things in your worship? How often during corporate worship at your church does your mind wander to something other than God?
- Ponder what it means to worship God alone. What are some challenges to worshiping God alone in your own life? What is some sin that you need to repent of in order to focus on God alone in your worship? What earthly things, such as power, abilities, friendships, etc., do you worship or hold more dear than God?



Set aside a time to pray this week.

- Choose a time when you can be alone and uninterrupted. As you enter your time of prayer, praise God for who He is and thank Him for His good gifts. Next, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the things you have loved or idolized and repent of them. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to worship God alone.
- Spend time praying with your parent or small group leader this week. Before you pray together, share some of the "idols" that you recognized from your private time of prayer. Pray together that you would worship God alone.



Use your Bible app or do a Google search of the word "worship."

- Use your Bible app to look up verses that talk about worship. Write down a few of these verses in your journal or a notebook. Choose one or two to memorize and meditate on this week. Think of ways to focus your mind's attention and heart's affection on God so that you worship Him alone.
- Make a point to meet with your parent or small group leader this week to discuss your worship. Share any ways that your focus changed from worshiping God alone to other things and discuss ways that you can worship God alone in your daily life.
- Make a list of "false saviors" you trust in. Be honest in your evaluation of your own life and heart. Share this list with your parent or small group leader and find verses that turn your heart back to God and away from these idols.