# SERVANTS ARE STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL



## **BIG TRUTH: SERVANTS ARE STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 12:48b, 16:12; 1 Timothy 1:14; 2 Timothy 1:12

## **BIBLE VERSE: 1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-2**

"This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful."

#### **BIG IDEAS**

- Servants of Jesus want to be known for their allegiance to Him and to the gospel.
- Servants of Jesus have been and are being transformed by the mercy and grace of the gospel.
- Servants of Jesus proclaim the good news and mystery of the gospel.

# BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-4; 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17

# **UNITE - I AM CALLED**

The Unite Year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

#### **SERIES AIMS**



# Every student should know that...

- They are a servant of Jesus.
- They have been forgiven an unimaginable debt.
- To be a servant means to lay down their lives



### Every student should strive to...

- Forgive anyone who has wronged them as Jesus has forgiven them.
- Walk by faith instead of giving into anxiety.
- Be known by their allegiance to Christ and the gospel.



## Every student should feel...

- Awe at the forgiveness they have experienced in Christ.
- Thankful for the grace that brought them from death to life and into God's family.
- Unworthy of the mercy and grace they have received



# Every student should want...

- To be faithful and pursue obedience to God.
- To sacrifice their comfort and control for the sake of the gospel.
- To be committed to Christ above all else.

#### STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder what it means to be a steward of the gospel. We will pray for a heart that desires to share the gospel and we will practice telling others about the gospel.

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#### Read and meditate on 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 and 1 Timothy 1:12-17 this week.

As you think on these verses ask yourself some of these questions:

• What is a steward? How can you steward the gospel well in your daily life this week? What are some obstacles to sharing the gospel with others?

## Ponder some of the ways you are distracted from telling others about the gospel.

How can you remove these distractions so that you might be a more faithful steward?



#### Set aside time to pray each morning this week.

- As you pray, ask God to help you remain focused on stewarding the gospel.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. As you pray together, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to proclaim the gospel to the lost people in your life.



#### Define "mercy" and "grace."

- Next, use the concordance in your Bible or Bible app to find verses that mention the mercy and grace of God. Think about the mercy and grace of the gospel in your own life. How have you been changed by this mercy and grace? Write this down in a journal in preparation to share it with your parents or small group leader.
- Discuss with your small group leader ways that you can tell others about the mercy and grace of the gospel. Discuss a plan to share this truth with one person in your life this week.