

JESUS FOLLOWERS PURSUE HOLINESS

BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS PURSUE HOLINESS

1 Peter 1:13-16; Leviticus 11:45; 20:26; 2 Corinthians 7:1

BIBLE VERSE: DANIEL 1:8

“But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king’s food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuch to allow him not to defile himself.”

BIG IDEAS

- Jesus followers trust God’s purposes even when life brings difficulty and loss.
- Jesus followers resolve that obedience is better than compromise.
- Jesus followers stand out from the world around them.

BIBLE PASSAGE: DANIEL 1

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...

- God is the One True King.
- Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- There is a cost to following Jesus.



Every student should feel...

- Confident in the steadfastness of the Lord.
- Grateful for the cloud of witnesses that we have as a model for how to faithfully follow Christ.
- Grounded in Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.



Every student should strive to...

- Examine their own heart and repent of how they have followed false saviors.
- Pray regularly asking the Lord to grow their faith in Him.
- Endure through discouragement and difficult circumstances.



Every student should want...

- To devote themselves to pursuing holiness.
- To suffer well for the glory of God.
- To use their lives to point others to a better Savior, King, and Treasure.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder what holiness is. We will pray for a heart that desires to be holy over fitting in. We will practice seeking holiness over pleasing people in our lives.

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Read and meditate on Daniel 1 this week.

As you read this story, consider some of these questions:

- What are some things about Daniel that you want to imitate?
- How are you making choices like Daniel made in your life now?
- Are there times when your choices to please God bring ridicule to you?

Ponder what it means to choose holiness over compromise.

- How can you choose to obey God in your own life over compromising?
- What are some temptations in your life that lead you to disobey God?
- How can you rid your life of these temptations?



Pray that your heart would desire to please God over pleasing man this week.

- Pray with your small group leader this week. Pray that you would recognize and repent of the ways you are compromising.



Think about the important people in your life.

- Make a list of them. Now discuss with your parent whether these people help you pursue holiness or prevent you from pursuing holiness. Discuss ways you can pursue holiness in all of your relationships.
- Discuss with your small group leader some of the ways you feel you should stand out more in your life. How can you live for Christ in a way that helps you reach the lost, but reveals you are set apart?