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BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS ARE LIVING PICTURES OF THE GOSPEL

1 Timothy 1:16; Ephesians 5:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 4:1; Ezekiel 24:24

BIBLE VERSE: ACTS 20:24

“But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”

BIG IDEAS

- Our confidence points others to a better Savior.
- Our obedience points others to a better King.
- Our suffering points others to a better treasure.

BIBLE PASSAGE: EZEKIEL 2:1-10; 4:1-17; 24:15-24

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 it means to trust Jesus as our better treasure. We will pray for hearts that point others to the better treasure and we will practice living faithfully and steadfastly.

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Read and meditate on Ezekiel 2:1-10, 4:1-17, 24:15-24.

As you read these verses ask yourself some of these questions:

- What does it mean that Jesus is the better King? How can you live in allegiance to Jesus alone? What would it look like for you to obey the one true King always?

Ponder what radical obedience looks like.

- How can you choose obedience to God's commands daily?
- What has been your view of suffering?
- How does your view of suffering need to change?
- How can you suffer in a way that points others to Jesus?



Pray for a heart that treasures Jesus above all other things.

- Set aside time this week to ask God to help you treasure Him over any earthly thing.
- Pray with your parents this week. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to love Him above all else and reflect the Gospel to others.



Discuss with your parents what your usual response to trials usually is.

- How can you suffer during hard times so that your life points people to Jesus? Make a list of some better responses to difficult times that you could put on in order to show others Jesus is King.
- Discuss with your small group leader ways you can be a reflection of the gospel to your lost friends this week.