

BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS ENDURE

Mark 4:14-20; 1 Corinthians 4:12; 10:13; 2 Timothy 2:12; 4:5; 1 Peter 2:20

BIBLE VERSE: JEREMIAH 20:9

“If I say, ‘I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,’ there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.”

BIG IDEAS

- Following Jesus is costly.
- Discouragement is a normal part of the Christian life.
- God’s Spirit helps His children endure to the end.

BIBLE PASSAGE: JEREMIAH 20

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.

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter how to persevere during hard times. We will pray with them to have hearts that rely upon the Holy Spirit and we will lead them to practice overcoming discouragement with faith.

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Read and meditate on Jeremiah 20 this week.

As you meditate on these verses, ask yourself some of these questions:

- How can you discuss with your son or daughter some of the things that discourage you? How can you model living a life of faith regardless of the discouragement that you face?

Ponder how you can help your son or daughter grow in their reliance upon the Holy Spirit.

- How can you point them to seeking the help of the Spirit over the help of other people?



Pray for your son or daughter this week.

- As you pray for them, ask the Holy Spirit to guide them to rely upon Him during their times of discouragement.
- Pray with your student this week. As you pray, model praying for the Holy Spirit to strengthen their hearts and encourage them to live for God no matter their circumstances.



Discuss with your son or daughter how they can overcome discouragement in their daily lives.

- How can you lead them to seek the help of the Holy Spirit over relying upon themselves or others?
- Meet with your student this week to discuss ways he or she can persevere in difficult times. Help them make a list of the difficult things in their lives and how they can use the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome them.