

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.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder what it means to endure to the end as a follower of Christ. We will pray for hearts that rely upon the Holy Spirit to help us endure and we will practice counting the cost of following Jesus and persevering.

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Read and meditate on Jeremiah 20 this week.

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

- What does it mean to endure in your Christian journey? How can you discipline yourself to rely upon the Holy Spirit to endure to the end?
- What are some situations that make it difficult to endure? What is your usual response to discouragement? How can you respond to discouragement in a Godly way?

Ponder what it means to be discouraged and not sin.

- How can you experience discouragement and still not sin?
- What are some attitudes or behaviors that help direct your mind and heart to Jesus?



Pray for a heart that seeks God in your hardest times.

- Pray for a heart that relies upon the Holy Spirit to guide you and strengthen you during difficult times.
- Pray with your student this week. As you pray with them, model asking the Holy Spirit to help you both rely upon Him to strengthen and encourage you to endure.



Discuss with your mom or dad some of the things that cause discouragement in your life.

- Discuss ways to turn your mind and heart to God when you feel discouraged. Commit to implement these things in your daily life.
- Discuss with your small group leader ways you can endure during difficult times. Make a list of some of the challenges you face daily and how you can use the Holy Spirit to help you endure them.