# FOCUS: I AM IN CHRIST / SERIES: GOD IS HOLY—I AM A SINNER/SAINT

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Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Isaiah 44:6; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; John 17:21; 1 Corinthians 3:9; Colossians 3:12-15; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

# **BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 4:4**

"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call---,"

#### **BIG IDEAS**

- There is only one God in three persons.
- Division never comes from God because He is always unified in Himself.
- God's people are to live in unity together becoming like Jesus.

# **BIBLE PASSAGE: EPHESIANS 4:1-7**

# TRANSFORM - I AM IN CHRIST

The Transform Year is an exploration of what it means to become a "new creation" in Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:17) In order for this to happen, we must first find our identity in Him. Many of us live in a consistent state of identity crises. We wrestle with questions like who am I, where do I belong, why do I exist? The answer to these questions is found in Jesus. Our prayer for this semester is that like the Apostle Paul we would be able to say, "I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." (Galatians 2:20).

# **SERIES AIMS**



#### Every student should know that...

- God is holy and we are separated from Him in our sin.
- The gospel transforms sinners into saints.
- The Christian life is about becoming who we already are in Christ.



# Every student should feel...

- The depth of their sin against the holy God.
- Wonder and awe at the good news of the gospel.
- Secure in the identity that they now have in Jesus.



#### Every student should strive to...

- Read the entire book of Ephesians
- Memorize the Bible Verse each week during the Ephesians series.
- Learn how to use a commentary.



#### Every student should want to...

- Be transformed by the gospel.
- Put sin to death and pursue holiness.
- Share the good news of the gospel.

#### **FAMILY WORKOUT**

God is one God and He unites His people through His Spirit. This week we will consider how to help our son or daughter understand the truths that God is one and His people are united to one another. We will pray with our student for help in seeking unity and pursuing peace in the body of Christ. We will consider how to help our student practice living in unity with fellow believers.



#### Spend time reading through Ephesians 4:1-7 this week.

- Consider what it means that there is one God in three persons. Meditate upon the three persons of God, how each one interacts with God's people, and ways that you can help your son or daughter better understand this truth.
- As you read Ephesians 4:1-7, meditate upon the truth that believers are united to one another and are called to become like Jesus. Consider how you can help your student understand and live this truth out in his or her daily life.



#### Set aside time each day this week to pray with your son or daughter.

- As you pray, ask God to lead your son or daughter to a greater understanding of God as one God in three persons.
- Pray with your student this week that God would help him or her live in unity with other believers and seek to grow to be more like Jesus.



# Read pages 93-103 in Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Ephesians.

- Choose a few questions from page 103 to discuss with your son or daughter. Discuss why unity is important in the local church and how they can seek unity with other believers.
- Set up a time to read through Ephesians 4:1-7 with your student. Help your student make a list of ways that he or she has seen the local church live in unity.
- Meet with your student to discuss ways that he or she can pursue peace and seek unity in his or her daily life.