

BIG TRUTH: GOD'S PEOPLE PURSUE HOLINESS

Romans 3:9-18; Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5-8; Galatians 2:20; 1 Peter 1:13-16; Romans 6:11; Colossians 3:5-10; Galatians 5:16-25

BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 5:1-2

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

BIG IDEAS

- Pursuing holiness is impossible apart from a heart transformation.
- Pursuing holiness is motivated by the gospel.
- Pursuing holiness is choosing to reject and flee what is sinful and unwise.

BIBLE PASSAGE: EPHESIANS 5:1-14

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

This week we will consider how to guide our son or daughter to a pursuit of holiness. We will pray for them to have discernment to not be easily deceived and we will help them practice fleeing unholy behavior and pursuing holiness.



Meditate upon Ephesians 5:1-14 this week. Consider how you can lead your son or daughter to walk as a child of light and not live in the darkness of this world. How can you help your son or daughter walk in love as Christ did?

- In what ways can you lead your son or daughter to walk in a wise manner and to not be as easily deceived by empty words?
- In what ways can you help your son or daughter flee sexual immorality and impurity?

Ponder ways you can lead your student to a greater understanding of God's command for believers to live sexually pure and to flee temptation.

- How can you lead your student to make a practical plan to live as a child of light in the darkness of this world? How can you guide your student to understand what a pure life looks like and the importance of living holy before God?



Spend time this week praying with your son and daughter asking God to help them live holy lives before Him.

- Pray with your son and daughter for them to have wisdom to flee anything that is not holy and for them to be motivated by the gospel to pursue holiness.
- Pray with your student this week asking God to guide them to greater holiness. Ask God to help your student gain a greater understanding that God requires believers to be holy and ask for wisdom for your student to walk in the light and not the darkness.



Make a plan to meet with your son or daughter this week to discuss the behaviors listed in Ephesians 5:3-14.

- Help your son or daughter recognize any of these behaviors in their own life and encourage them to repent of any sin. Discuss with your son or daughter how to study God's Word so that they can walk in the light and not be deceived by empty words and false teachers.
- Meet with your student this week to discuss ways he or she can pursue holiness. Use the behaviors and actions listed in Ephesians 5:3-14 to guide your student to an understanding of what pursuing holiness looks like. Encourage your student to confess any unholy behaviors before God and to repent. Encourage your student to pursue being a child of light and not darkness.