# FOCUS: I AM IN CHRIST / SERIES: GOD IS HOLY-I AM A SINNER/SAINT GOD SENDS US TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

## BIG TRUTH: GOD SENDS US TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:14-15; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 16:6-10

## **BIBLE VERSE: EPHESIANS 6:18B-19**

"To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,"

## **BIG IDEAS**

- Jesus followers are God's ambassadors.
- To share the gospel, we must use words.
- We need the Holy Spirit to help us make the gospel known.

## **BIBLE PASSAGE: EPHESIANS 6:18B-24**

## **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).

FEEL

#### **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.



KNOW

#### 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 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 want to...

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

## STUDENT WORKOUT:

God uses His people to spread the gospel. This week we will ponder what it means to be God's ambassador. We will pray for boldness in sharing the gospel and we will practice sharing the gospel with our friends.





# STUDENT WORKOUT

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# Meditate upon what it means to speak boldly for Christ. Read Ephesians 6:18-19 and ponder Paul's prayer that he receive the words to speak boldly.

• In what ways are you timid and fearful in sharing the gospel? How can you pray for boldness to share the gospel? What keeps you from sharing the gospel confidently?

#### Meditate upon the truth that you are an ambassador for Christ.

• What does it mean to be Christ's ambassador? How does your daily life reveal that you know Christ and are His ambassador? Are there places and times when you are ashamed of the gospel? Are there times when you are more bold in sharing the gospel?



# Imitate Paul's prayer this week and ask for the words to share the gospel boldly with those in your life who do not know God.

- Pray for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus.
- Spend time praying that God will help you rely fully upon the Holy Spirit. Ask God to help you follow the leading of the Holy Spirit to share the gospel with those whom God is drawing to Himself.



# In a journal, write down the names of two people you see weekly, if not daily, who you know are not believers.

- Meet with your parents or small group leader to make a practical plan to share the gospel with these two people this week. In your journal, practice writing out the specific words you can use to share the gospel. Go over these words with your parent or small group leader. Set up a time to meet at the end of the week to discuss how it went with each person.
- In a journal, write down what it looks like for you to be Christ's ambassador. Write down specific activities that you can participate in as Christ's ambassador. Think through your weekly routine and write down specific ways that you can share Christ with others. Set up a time to meet with your parents or small group leader to go over your plan.