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1 Corinthians 6:17; Romans 8; Philippians 3:8-16; Jeremiah 7:23; Philippians 2:12

BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 15:10-11

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."

BIG IDEAS

- Jesus gives us position in God's family.
- Jesus calls us to follow Him.

BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 15:1-12

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 the vine, and they are a branch.



Every student should feel...

- Insufficient and inadequate at their inability to meet their own needs, while at the same time thankful and overwhelmed by an all-sufficient Savior who satisfies.



Every student should strive to...

- Memorize Gal 2:20, read and meditate on John 15:1-15, and pursue an abiding relationship with Jesus together with leaders and others in their church.



Every student should want to...

- Abide in Jesus and to aim higher in their personal pursuit of Him.

FAMILY WORKOUT

When we become believers, our position changes. We are no longer separated from God, but we become His children. This week encourage your son or daughter to ponder what it means to live as a child of God. Pray with them for greater understanding of their identity and encourage them to seek to share with others how their identity can change.

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Meditate upon John 15:1-12 and Romans 8 this week. Spend time reading both passages and considering how they apply to your life and the life of your son or daughter.

- Consider how you can share with your son or daughter the way that your position has changed through Jesus.
- Meditate upon ways that you can lead your son or daughter to live in the truth that they are children of God and no longer enemies of God.

Meditate upon your own view of your position and identity with God.

- Consider the ways that you think wrongly about yourself and the ways you think correctly.
- In what ways do you need to adjust your thinking to align with God's truth?



Spend time this week praying with your son or daughter in the morning and at bedtime.

- As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to a greater understanding of your identity in Christ.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help your son or daughter grow in its understanding of who each member is in Christ.

Pray this week that you will have opportunities to share with others about how our position and identity change through Jesus.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to give you opportunities to share as a family with unbelievers. Pray for the right words to share about how your identity changed through Jesus.



Make a list of words that describe a person's identity in Christ when they become believers.

- With your son or daughter, talk through the words on your list and discuss any wrong ideas that family members may have about their identities in Christ.

Choose a time to read through John 15:1-12 together as a family.

- Spend time discussing what these verses mean and how they apply to your son or daughter.
- Talk through what it means to abide in Christ and how our position changes from enemy to family member when we repent and believe in Jesus.