

BIG TRUTH: DISCIPLES ARE ORDINARY PEOPLE

Matthew 26:69-75; Mark 8:27-29; Luke 10:38-42; John 20:24-29; Acts 8:29-31; 2 Timothy 1:5

BIBLE VERSE: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:26-27

“For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.”

BIG IDEAS

- The people who followed Jesus were unremarkably normal.
- The people who followed Jesus struggled with faith.
- The people who followed Jesus saw Him as the only source of life.

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 6:12-16; JOHN 6:66-69

TRANSFORM - LIVING IN PURSUIT

In High School, the Transform Year is an exploration of what it looks like to have transformed influence as we seek to live for a Kingdom that is greater than our own. First, we recognize that we will never be transformed if we are not Living for Jesus. To do this, we must first know who Jesus is by looking at who He says He is (John 8:58), and then look at what the Bible says about how in Him, we live by faith (James 1:6). Next, we recognize that to have transformed influence means that we must live as disciples in pursuit of Christ and His Kingdom over ourselves and our own kingdoms.

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- Jesus is the only source of life
- God's Word is authoritative and applicable for all of life
- To follow Jesus is to pursue a life of sacrifice and surrender



Every student should feel...

- Thankful for the triune God who is worthy
- Convicted of how deception has led them to disobedience
- Responsible to use their influence to live for Jesus alone



Every student should strive to...

- Read through the gospel of John
- Memorize the Bible verse each week
- Implement regular rhythms of prayer and fasting throughout the semester



Every student should want to...

- Pursue obedience even when faith is a struggle
- Grow in living in step with the Holy Spirit
- Live their lives to glorify God the Father

FAMILY WORKOUT

This week we will consider how to discuss with our son or daughter the truth that Jesus calls normal people to be His disciples. We will pray with them to grow in their understanding of Him and we will lead them to live out the truth that Jesus is the only source of true life.

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Keep a journal of your answers and observations of these passages to help you discuss them with your son or daughter. Read Luke 6:12-16 and John 6:66-69.

- In Luke 6:12-16, what is significant about the men Jesus calls to be His first disciples? What sets these men apart from others?
- In John 6:66-69, how does Peter's response to Jesus' question about turning away help us understand that Jesus is the only source of life?
- What does it mean that Jesus is the "Holy One of God"?

Read and meditate on Luke 6:12-16 and John 6:66-69 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:

- Consider how you can discuss with your son or daughter the significance of Jesus calling the first twelve disciples. How can you help your son or daughter understand that disciples are ordinary people?
- Ponder how you can model the truth that Jesus is the only source of true life. What does it look like for your student to live fully for Jesus?
- How can you discuss with your son or daughter the truth that God uses ordinary people to do His purposes?



Pray with your son or daughter this week.

- Ask God to grow their faith during their struggles in life.
- Pray with your student this week. Model praying for strength and growth of your own faith when you struggle with your faith.



Help your son or daughter memorize 1 Corinthians 1:26-27 this week by setting aside time each day to go over the verses with them.

- Discuss with your son or daughter some ways that your faith has grown through struggles. Share some ways that your son or daughter can discipline themselves to turn to God in the midst of their struggle and not away from Him.
- Meet with your student to discuss how he or she can share the gospel with a lost friend this week. Discuss ways that your student can share the truth that Jesus is the only source of real life with their lost friend this week.