

## BIG TRUTH: DISCIPLES PRAY IN JESUS' NAME

Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 2:1; John 1:12-13; 1 John 5:13-15; John 15:11; 16:24

## BIBLE VERSE: JOHN 16:23-24

*"In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, He will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."*

## BIG IDEAS

- We pray in Jesus' name because He is our advocate before the Father.
- We pray in Jesus' name to submit to God and His purposes.
- We pray in Jesus' name so that our joy may be full in Him.

## BIBLE PASSAGE: JOHN 14:12-13, 16:23-24, 17:9-13

## 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 ponder ways to discuss with our son or daughter what it looks like to pray in Jesus' name. We will pray for them to grow in their understanding of Jesus as their advocate. We will lead them to practice aligning their heart with Jesus and praying in His name.

# DISCIPLES PRAY IN JESUS' NAME



**Keep a journal of your answers and observations of these passages to help you discuss them with your son or daughter. Read John 14:12-13, 16:23-24, and 17:9-13.**

- Define the words “advocate”, “intercessor”, “interceding”, and “joy.” Do a word study of these words and write down verses that stand out to you.
- How is Jesus our advocate? Why does this lead us to pray in His name when we pray?
- How does the motive of our prayers affect how well we pray in Jesus’ name?

**Read and meditate on John 14:12-13, 16:23-24, and 17:9-13 this week. Use these questions to guide your meditation:**

- Ponder how you can discuss with your son or daughter the ways Jesus is our advocate. How is Jesus our advocate in salvation? How is He our advocate now?
- Consider how you can model praying in the name of Jesus for your son or daughter. How can you align your motives with God’s so that you are praying in Jesus’ name?
- How can you discuss with your son or daughter that praying in Jesus’ name is more than mentioning His name?



**Pray with your son or daughter this week.**

- As you pray together model praying for God’s will to be done in a way that is more than just saying the words “your will be done,” but shows that you know what His will is and are asking Him to do it.
- Pray with your student this week. Pray for their hearts to grow in understanding of Jesus as their advocate and for them to find joy in God’s will being done on earth.



**Memorize John 16:23-24 with your son or daughter.**

- Spend time each day going over the verses with your son or daughter until everyone has memorized them.
- Discuss with your son or daughter some ways that you have found joy in God’s will being done on earth. Share some experiences that have brought you joy. Discuss what joy means and how your son or daughter can align his or her heart to seek God’s will and find true joy.
- Meet with your student to discuss ways that he or she can know God’s will and pray for it to happen so that they are truly praying in Jesus’ name.