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Psalm 18:30; Proverbs 3:5-6; 1 Peter 2:2; Luke 13:24

## **BIBLE VERSE: MATTHEW 7:14**

"For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."

#### **BIG IDEAS**

- The path of life is a path of selflessness.
- The path of life is made clear in the pursuit of God's Word.
- The path of life is difficult and painful.

## **BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 7:12-14**

## TRANSFORM - I AM GROWING

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 only way to life, hope, and peace.
- Everyone is on the path leading to life or the path leading to death.
- The path to life is hard and few find it, while the path to death is easy and many are on it.



#### Every student should feel...

- Fearful about the possibility of being on the road that leads to death.
- Hopeful in the reality that God has made the path of life accessible through Jesus.
- Encouraged that God's Word, people, and Spirit can help us run the race well.



#### Every student should strive to...

- Use the workouts consistently as a tool to help you study God's Word.
- Start using the ACTS model of daily prayer.
- Find a mentor who can consistently help you to run the race of life for God's glory.



#### Every student should ask God to...

- Give them a desire to pursue the path of life and reject the path of death.
- Help them to take the next step in obediently following Him this week.

## **FAMILY WORKOUT**

Every person walks a path to life or a path to death. This week we will consider how to model walking the path of life to our son or daughter. We will pray with our son or daughter to have boldness to walk the path of life. We will help them practice living selflessly.

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#### Read and meditate on Matthew 7:12-14 this week.

- Consider how you can discuss with your son or daughter the two paths that people walk in
  this life. How can you model for your son or daughter what it looks like to walk the path of
  life? How can you lead your child to pursue the Word of God? How can you share with your
  child any persecution or trials you've faced on the path of life and the ways you've remained
  faithful through it?
- Consider how to discuss with your son or daughter what it means to live selflessly. Ponder how you can help your son or daughter live a more selfless life.



## Spend time in prayer for your son or daughter every day this week.

- Pray that God would reveal to your son or daughter which path he or she is on. Pray that God would help you discuss with your son or daughter the two paths in a way that helps he or she recognize which path they are on.
- Spend time praying with your son or daughter this week. Pray that God would help them live selflessly and that they would pursue God's Word.



## Set up a time to discuss with your child ways that he or she can live more selflessly this week.

- Discuss practical ways that he or she can die to themselves as they walk the path to life.
- Discuss with your son or daughter how you live in pursuit of God's Word and how you face trials and persecution. Help your son or daughter make a plan of how to face persecution at school.