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1 John 2:26-27; 2 John 1:9; Ephesians 4:13-14

BIBLE VERSE: PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14

"Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

BIG IDEAS

- Following Jesus is wanting to know Him more.
- Everything is meaningless compared to knowing Jesus.

BIBLE PASSAGE: PHILIPPIANS 3:7-15

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 vine and they are a branch
- We can do nothing apart from Jesus
- Abiding is both position and pursuit



Every student should feel...

- Insufficient and inadequate in their own power and might
- Thankful for the Savior who abides in us
- Overwhelmed by Christ's sacrifice for us



Every student should strive to...

- Read and meditate on John 15:1-5 each week
- Memorize Galatians 2:20
- Pursue an abiding relationship with Jesus in community with their local church



Every student should want to...

- Abide in Jesus
- Pursue spiritual disciplines
- Continually aim higher in their pursuit of Him

FAMILY WORKOUT

God makes Himself known to those who seek Him. This week we will consider how to lead our son or daughter to a pursuit of Christ. We will pray for and with our son or daughter to know Christ more intimately, and we will help them practice pursuing Christ.

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Read and meditate upon Philippians 3:7-15 this week.

- As you meditate, consider how you can lead your son or daughter to a greater pursuit of Christ. How can you model a pursuit of Christ for your son or daughter? How does your own pursuit reveal the value you place upon knowing Jesus?

Consider how you can share with your student how to know Christ more. Consider how to share your own heart's desire to know Jesus and the ways that you have pursued Him.



Set aside a time to pray with your son or daughter.

- During your prayer, ask God to give each of you a greater desire to know Him. Pray for wisdom to lead your son or daughter in their own personal pursuit of Jesus.

Pray for and with your student to grow in their knowledge of Jesus.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to teach your student from His Word and to draw them closer to Jesus.



Help your son or daughter create a list of verses to meditate upon and memorize that leads them to a pursuit of Christ.

- Help them find verses that speak to Christ's character traits.

Meet with your student to discuss a plan for them to daily pursue Christ.

- Help them develop a reading plan, prayer plan, and meditation plan that leads them to a greater knowledge of Jesus.