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1 Peter 1:13-17; Colossians 1:28-29

### BIBLE VERSE: HEBREWS 5:14

*"But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil."*

### BIG IDEAS

- Following Jesus is wanting to be like Him.
- Jesus makes us more like Him through constant practice.

### BIBLE PASSAGE: HEBREWS 5:11-6:1

### 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

This week we will consider what it means to model spiritual maturity for our son or daughter. We will pray for wisdom to lead our son or daughter to spiritual maturity. We will practice helping our son or daughter practice pursuing Christ daily.

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**Read and meditate upon Hebrews 5:11-6:1.**

- Consider how you can help your son or daughter grow spiritually. How can you model pursuing Christ and seeking to grow spiritually? In what ways does your son or daughter need to move from milk to solid food spiritually? How can you help them learn to study their Bible that they might grow up in Christ?
- Consider how to help your student pursue Christ daily. Meditate upon what it means to take in solid food spiritually and how you can share with your student ways to grow spiritually.



**Spend time praying for and with your son or daughter this week.**

- Set aside time each day to pray for your son or daughter to grow spiritually. Ask God to give you wisdom to lead your son or daughter to a deeper knowledge of Christ.
- Pray for God to help you model spiritual maturity for your son or daughter. Pray for God to sanctify you and for God to sanctify your son or daughter if they are a believer. If they are not a believer, pray that God would lead them to faith in His Son.



**Set aside time to discuss with your son or daughter specific ways that you pursue Christ daily.**

- Share with your son or daughter ways that you pursue abiding in Christ.
- Share with your son or daughter things that have helped you in your spiritual growth and discuss ways that he or she can move from milk to solid food.