

BIG TRUTH: GROWTH REQUIRES REPENTANCE

Jeremiah 17:9; Hebrews 2:1; 3:12; Luke 18:9-14

BIBLE VERSE: MATTHEW 5:48

“You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

BIG IDEAS

- The way we think about life, morality, and goodness is defective.
- Jesus doesn’t want our best effort; He wants our heart.
- Repentance is a continuous turning to God and a turning away from sin, self-righteousness, and self-sufficiency.

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 5:21-48

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...

- Life, joy, wisdom, and purpose are only found in our treasure, Jesus
- Apart from Jesus we are personally, relationally, and spiritually bankrupt
- The Christian life is about growth not arrival.



Every student should feel...

- Encouraged that Jesus is the treasure our hearts desire
- The depth of their personal and spiritual bankruptcy
- Emboldened to live for God’s kingdom alone



Every student should strive to...

- Read the Sermon on the Mount
- Memorize the Bible Verse each week
- Begin practicing some of the basic spiritual disciplines



Every student should want to...

- See the Beatitudes become their attitudes
- Put sin to death and live for God’s kingdom
- Pursue Jesus by embracing and practicing spiritual disciplines

FAMILY WORKOUT

Spiritual growth happens with daily confession and repentance. This week we will consider how to model daily confession and repentance for our son or daughter. We will pray with our son or daughter to recognize their own self-righteous behaviors and to repent of them. We will help our son or daughter practice repenting.



Read and meditate upon Matthew 5:21-48 this week.

- Consider how you can discuss with your son or daughter what true morality looks like. How can you model for your son or daughter defining goodness and morality through the lens of God's Word?
- Consider how you can model daily repentance to your son or daughter. Ponder how you can lead your son or daughter to establish the discipline of daily repentance. How can you discuss with your child that spiritual growth happens when we repent of our daily sins?



Set aside time each day to pray for your son or daughter this week.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal your son or daughter's sin to them and to lead them to repentance. If your son or daughter isn't a believer, pray that God will give them faith to believe in His Son.
- Spend time praying with your son or daughter this week. Set aside time each morning to pray with your son or daughter, asking the Holy Spirit to guide them to live according to God's morality and goodness and not the world's.



Plan a time to share with your son or daughter ways you have acted in a self-righteous way.

- Share the areas of your own life that you rely upon yourself instead of God. Talk with your child about what daily repentance looks like.
- Meet with your student to discuss the areas of his or her life that need to be more aligned with God's Word. Discuss the areas of your student's life in which he or she struggles with self-reliance or self-righteousness. Help your student make a plan to establish the habit of daily repentance.