





**FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP
PLAN**

SCOPE AND SEQUENCE



**18 Years / 936 Weeks
To Talk About God's Big Truths
DO YOU HAVE A PLAN?**



When we asked parents, “What is your discipleship plan for your children?” most did not have one. Burdened, we set out to better equip families to talk through God’s truths with greater diligence and consistency.

“Would you send your children to a school that lacked an educational plan?” That’s what we asked hundreds of parents. Of course, all of them said no. The education of our children is too important to be merely reactive.

From the beginning, the easy framework of Big Truths and Big Ideas alongside devotions, workouts, and commentary guided parents to teach and talk more frequently, normalizing conversations around God’s word. As time passed, growth became clear. The Family Discipleship Plan was strategically equipping parents in ways we had been neglecting.

More parents, grandparents, and churches began utilizing it and as demand grew, we launched www.familydiscipleshipplan.org, making our plan more publicly accessible.

We pray it helps you and your family make much of Jesus every day, from morning to night and throughout all the journeys in between.



PRESCHOOL

Foundations

Preschool teaches foundational truths about who God is and what He gives.

ELEMENTARY

The Story

Elementary teaches four crucial aspects of God's story that summarize all of Scripture and deepen each year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Identity

Middle school teaches six semester focuses: statements that are true of us when our identity is in Christ. Each of these have series within them highlighting who God is and who we are in light of that.

HIGH SCHOOL

Influence

High school FDP teaches six semester themes that characterize how we should live and leverage our influence as Jesus followers.



PRESCHOOL

FOUNDATIONS: GOD IS - GOD GIVES

The preschool years are a foundational time. Our lives are built upon the principles learned during these formative years. Consequently, this season of life is also an important time for spiritual foundation. During this season of life, it is crucial for children to begin learning who God is.

During the preschool years of the Family Discipleship Plan, parents and teachers have the opportunity to help a child begin to understand who God is and how He reveals Himself to us.

There are multiple foundations that are covered annually, then are purposefully repeated each year through Preschool. Each foundation studies Big Truths by focusing on who “God Is” and what “God Gives,” building a conceptual awareness that God is our supreme Creator and Sustainer.

PRESCHOOL

God Is (Deuteronomy 6:4)

God Gives (James 1:17)

- There Is Only One God (Deuteronomy 6:4)
- God Is The Gift Giver (James 1:17)

God Is Truth (John 17:17)

God Gives His Word (2 Timothy 3:16)

- God Defines What Is True And What Is False (John 17:17)
- The Bible Is God's Word (2 Timothy 3:16a)
- The Bible Tells Us How To Live (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

God Is Father (1 Corinthians 8:6)

God Gives a Family (1 John 3:1)

- God Is Three In One (2 Corinthians 13:14)
- God Is The Perfect Father (1 Corinthians 8:6)
- God Created Family (1 John 3:1)

God Is Son (John 20:31)

God Gives a Rescuer (Luke 19:10)

- Jesus Is The Son Of God (John 20:31)
- Jesus Is God And Man (John 1:14)

God Is Holy Spirit (John 4:24)

God Gives a Helper (John 14:26)

- The Holy Spirit Is God Alive In Us (John 4:24)
- The Holy Spirit Is The Helper (John 14:26)

God Is Known (John 1:14)

God Gives Wisdom (Proverbs 2:6)

- God Is Known Through His Word (John 1:14)
- God Is The Source Of All Wisdom (Proverbs 2:6)

God Is Creator (Isaiah 40:28)

God Gives Life (John 1:3-4)

- God Created Everything (Isaiah 40:28)
- God God Created Us In His Image (Genesis 1:27)
- Sin Leads To Death, But God Raises The Dead To Life (Ephesians 2:4a-5)

God Is Powerful (Jeremiah 32:17)

God Gives Strength (Philippians 4:13)

- God Is More Powerful Than Creation (Jeremiah 32:17)
- God Is More Powerful Than Our Fears (Jeremiah 32:17)
- God Is More Powerful Than Death (1 Cor 15:56-57)

God Is Keeper (Colossians 1:17)

God Gives Security (Psalm 62:1-2)

- God Keeps Creation Alive (Colossians 1:17)
- God Keeps His People Alive (Acts 17:25)
- God Gives Eternal Life (John 3:16)

God Is Holy (Leviticus 11:44)

God Gives the Law (1 Peter 1:16)

- God Is Perfect And Set Apart (1 Samuel 2:2)
- God Commands Us To Be Holy (1 Peter 1:16; Leviticus 11:44)
- God Gives Us His Law (1 Peter 1:16; Leviticus 11:44)

God Is Savior (Isaiah 43:11)

God Gives Adoption (Ephesians 1:5)

- God Is Savior And Rescues His People (Isaiah 43:11)
- God Is Savior And We Cannot Save Ourselves (Isaiah 43:11)
- God Gives Adoption To Those Outside Of His Family (Ephesians 1:5)

God Is Love (1 John 4:16)

God Gives Himself (1 John 4:10)

- God Loves Us Even When We Are Unlovable (Romans 5:8)
- God Shows His Love For Us By Giving Us His Son (1 John 4:10)
- God Sends His Beloved People To Show His Love To Others (1 John 4:16b)

God Is Satisfied (Acts 17:25)

God Gives A Substitute (Romans 5:8)

- God Is Completely Satisfied In Himself (Isaiah 66:1)
- God Is Just And Must Punish Injustice (Romans 14:11)
- God Is Satisfied Through His Substitute (Romans 5:9)

God Is Gracious (Ephesians 1:7)

God Gives Forgiveness (Ephesians 4:32)

- God Does Not Give His People What They Deserve (Romans 6:23)
- God Forgives The Debt That We Cannot Pay (Ephesians 1:7a)
- God's Grace And Forgiveness Change Our Hearts (Eph 1:7)

God Is Just (Deuteronomy 32:4)

God Gives Mercy (James 2:13)

- God Always Does What Is Right (Deuteronomy 32:4b)
- God Shows Us Our Need For His Mercy (James 2:13b)
- God Gives Mercy To The Unjust (James 2:13b)

God Is Joy (Psalm 16:11)

God Gives Faith (Romans 1:17)

- God Is Joy And Our Joy Is Found In Him Alone (John 15:11)
- God Gives Faith So We Can Follow Him (Romans 1:17)

God Is Redeemer (Isaiah 49:26)

God Gives The Church (1 Corinthians 12:27)

- God Is Redeemer To Those Who Have No Hope (Isaiah 49:26)
- God Gives The Church As His Messengers (2 Corinthians 5:20a)
- God Gives The Church As His Family (1 Corinthians 12:27)



ELEMENTARY

STORY: THE GOSPEL

Elementary age children love stories. They love to learn and to try to connect the dots between fantasy and reality. It is during this phase of life that they can begin to learn about and understand the greatest story of all, the gospel. The word “gospel” literally means “good news.”

This is a very crucial season in a child’s life to begin helping them understand what the story of the Bible actually is and how they fit into it.

During the elementary years of the family discipleship plan, parents and teachers will have the opportunity to engage their children with the main storyline of the Bible: creation, fall, redemption, and new creation. These four parts of the gospel will be taught every year from kindergarten through fifth grade in a way that develops successively year after year along with a child’s personal development.

The goal is that children would be able to move from this phase to the next one with a clear understanding of what the gospel is and how they should respond to it. The gospel is the good news that opens eyes and saves lives; our prayer is that it makes an eternal impact during the elementary age years of a child’s life and beyond.

CREATION

God made the world good
(Genesis 1:31)

FALL

Sin made the world groan
(Romans 8:22)

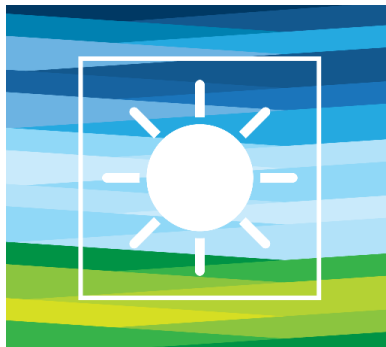
REDEMPTION

Jesus broke the power of sin
(Romans 5:8)

NEW CREATION

God is making all things new
(Revelation 21:5)

ELEMENTARY



CREATION

Kindergarten - God Created
1st Grade - God Rules Creation
2nd Grade - God Created Me
3rd Grade - God Created Family
4th Grade - God Is Life
5th Grade - God Has A Plan For Us



FALL

Kindergarten - We Broke God's Creation
1st Grade - We Are Separated From God
2nd Grade - We Are Broken In Our Sin
3rd Grade - We Are A Broken Family
4th Grade - We Are Dead In Our Sin
5th Grade - We Rejected God's Plan



REDEMPTION

Kindergarten - God Is Fixing Creation
1st Grade - God Provides Mercy And Grace
2nd Grade - God Is Our Rescuer
3rd Grade - God Provides Adoption
4th Grade - God Is Our Substitute
5th Grade - God Provides Reconciliation



NEW CREATION

Kindergarten - God Offers A New Creation
1st Grade - God Offers A New Relationship
2nd Grade - God Offers A New Life
3rd Grade - God Offers A New Family
4th Grade - God Offers Eternal Life
5th Grade - God Offers A New Mission



KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten begins with the simple realities that God created. Everything that is was made by Him. Even though God's creation was perfect, sinful man broke it. But in redemption, God is fixing the creation that we broke, and He one day will offer a new creation for those who trust Him.

(Genesis 1:1, Romans 8:22, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Revelation 21:5)

CREATION

All creation exists for God, is good, and was created to bring Him glory.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is The Creator*** John 1:2-4
- **God Is The Good Creator*** James 1:17
- **God Is My Creator*** Genesis 1:27
- **God Made Everything** Genesis 1:1
- **God Created The Day, Night, Sky, And Sea** Proverbs 3:19
- **God Created The Land, Plants, Sun, Moon, And Stars** Psalm 74:16
- **God Created The Sea Creatures, Birds, Animals, And Man** Genesis 1:26
- **God Made Rest** Hebrews 4:10
- **God Created All Things*** Nehemiah 9:6

REDEMPTION

From the very beginning of time, God promised He would fix creation, and He kept His promise by sending Jesus to rescue us from our sin.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is Redeemer*** Ephesians 1:7
- **God Is Our Substitute*** 2 Corinthians 5:21
- **God Is Father*** 1 John 3:1
- **God Is Fixing Creation** Revelation 21:5a
- **God Is Fixing Our Broken Relationship With Him** Romans 8:1
- **God Is Fixing Us** 2 Corinthians 5:17
- **God Is Fixing Our Relationship With Others** Matthew 9:36
- **Only God Can Fix Our Brokenness** Acts 4:12
- **Jesus Broke The Power Of Sin*** Romans 6:9

FALL

Everything was perfect in the world until we broke it. Sin is ultimately a rejection of God Himself.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **We Are Sinners*** Romans 3:23
- **We Sin Against God*** Psalm 51:4
- **We Are Separated*** Isaiah 59:2
- **We Broke God's Creation** Romans 8:22
- **We Broke Our Relationship With God** Jeremiah 2:13
- **We Hurt Ourselves** Proverbs 5:22
- **We Hurt Others** 1 John 3:10
- **We Cannot Fix Our Brokenness** Ephesians 2:8-9
- **Sin Broke God's Creation*** Romans 8:20

NEW CREATION

God offers new creation to those who place their faith in Jesus.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is Alive*** John 1:3-4
- **God Is Victor*** 1 Corinthians 15:55-57
- **God Is Forever*** Revelation 4:8b
- **God Offers A New Creation** Revelation 21:5a
- **God Offers A New Relationship** 2 Corinthians 5:19
- **God Offers The Promise Of A New Body** 1 Corinthians 15:53-54
- **God Offers The Promise Of A New Home** John 14:2-3
- **God Offers The Promise Of Eternity With Him** John 3:16
- **God Is Making Everything New*** Revelation 21:5

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1ST GRADE

1st grade deepens to see that God did not just create everything, but He rules over His creation. Our sin not only breaks God's good creation, but it rejects His rule and separates us from God. Yet, He gives mercy and grace. He shows us undeserved love, and in His new creation, He offers a new restored relationship with Himself.

(Psalm 135:6, Isaiah 59:2, Romans 5:8, 1 Peter 2:9)

CREATION

God rules creation. God is in control.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is The Creator*** John 1: 2-4
- **God Is The Good Creator*** James 1:17
- **God Is My Creator*** Genesis 1:27
- **God Rules Creation** Psalm 135:6
- **God Rules Nature** Psalm 19:1
- **God Rules Life** John 11:25
- **God Rules Angels** Romans 8:38-39
- **God Rules Tomorrow** Matthew 6:34
- **God Is In Control*** Psalm 138:8

REDEMPTION

God provides mercy and grace. God shows me undeserved love.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is Redeemer*** Ephesians 1:7
- **God Is Our Substitute*** 2 Corinthians 5:21
- **God Is Father*** 1 John 3:1
- **God Provides Mercy And Grace** Romans 5:8
- **God's Grace Is A Gift We Do Not Deserve** Romans 3:23-24
- **God's Grace Is Received Through Faith** Ephesians 2:8-9
- **God's Mercy Is Just And Loving** 1 John 4:10
- **God's Mercy Is Given Through Jesus** Ephesians 2:4-5
- **God Shows Undeserved Love*** John 3:16

FALL

We are separated from God. Sin rejects the rule of God.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **We Are Sinners*** Romans 3:23
- **We Sin Against God*** Psalm 51:4
- **We Are Separated*** Isaiah 59:2
- **We Are Separated From God** Ephesians 2:12
- **We Reject God's Rule** Psalm 2:1-2
- **We Reject God's Truth** Romans 1:25
- **We Reject God's Law** Psalm 78:10-11
- **We Reject God's Joy** Jeremiah 2:13
- **Sin Rejects The Rule Of God*** Colossians 1:21

NEW CREATION

God offers a new relationship. God is making a new people to rule.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is Alive*** John 1:3-4
- **God Is Victor*** 1 Corinthians 15:55-57
- **God Is Forever*** Revelation 4:8b
- **God Offers A New Relationship** 1 Peter 2:9
- **God Offers Adoption When We Are Orphans** Ephesians 2:19
- **God Offers Friendship When We Are Enemies** Romans 5:8,10
- **God Offers A New Position As Servants When We Are Slaves** Romans 6:22
- **God Offers A New Purpose As Ambassadors When We Are Rebels** 2 Corinthians 5:20
- **God Is Making A New People To Rule*** Psalm 100:3

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2ND GRADE

2nd grade begins to look at personal implications of the gospel. Our understanding deepens to see that God did not just create the world, but He created me. Sin did not just break the world, but I am broken because of my sin. God is not just redeeming the world, but I can be redeemed because God is our rescuer. God is offering a new life for those who trust Him.

(Genesis 1:27, Jeremiah 17:9, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Galatians 2:20)

CREATION

God created me. God made me in his image.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is The Creator*** John 1: 2-4
- **God Is The Good Creator*** James 1:17
- **God Is My Creator*** Genesis 1:27
- **God Made Me In His Image** Genesis 1:27
- **God Made Me Valuable** Psalm 139:13-14
- **God Made Me Unique** Psalm 139:15
- **God Knows Me** Psalm 139:16
- **God Makes His Children A Reflection Of Him** 1 Peter 2:9
- **God Made Me*** Genesis 1:26

REDEMPTION

God is our rescuer. God sent his Son to save me.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is Redeemer*** Ephesians 1:7
- **God Is Our Substitute*** 2 Corinthians 5:21
- **God Is Father*** 1 John 3:1
- **God Is Our Rescuer** Luke 19:10
- **God Rescues Me From My Sin** 1 Corinthians 15:56-57
- **God Rescues Me From The Lie** John 14:6
- **God Rescues Me From Death** Romans 6:23
- **God Rescues Me From Separation** Ephesians 2:13
- **God Sent His Son To Rescue Me*** Colossians 1:13-14

FALL

We are broken in our sin. Sin ruined my heart.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **We Are Sinners*** Romans 3:23
- **We Sin Against God*** Psalm 51:4
- **We Are Separated*** Isaiah 59:2
- **We Are Broken In Our Sin** Romans 6:23a
- **Our Sin Makes Us Selfish** Colossians 3:5a
- **Our Sin Makes Us Lie** Colossians 3:9
- **Our Sin Makes Us Disobey** Isaiah 3:8
- **Our Sin Makes Us Empty** Jeremiah 2:13
- **Sin Ruins My Heart*** Romans 3:23

NEW CREATION

God offers a new life. God is making my heart new.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is Alive*** John 1:3-4
- **God Is Victor*** 1 Corinthians 15:55-57
- **God Is Forever*** Revelation 4:8b
- **God Offers A New Life** Galatians 2:20
- **God Offers Peace Instead Of Worry** Philippians 4:5-7
- **God Offers Hope Instead Of Hopelessness** 1 Peter 1:3
- **God Offers Love Instead Of Selfishness** John 15:12-13
- **God Offers Joy Instead Of Emptiness** John 15:11
- **God Is Making My Heart New*** 2 Corinthians 5:17

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3RD GRADE

3rd grade looks at the implications of the gospel for those closest to us: our families. God created our families, but our families have been broken by sin. In the gospel, God makes us His sons and daughters through adoption, and He is offering a new family for those who trust in Him: the church.

(Genesis 2:18, Romans 3:23; 8:15; 12:5)

CREATION

God created family. God made us for community.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is The Creator*** John 1: 2-4
- **God Is The Good Creator*** James 1:17
- **God Is My Creator*** Genesis 1:27
- **God Gives The Family** Genesis 1:28
- **God Gives Marriage** Genesis 2:24
- **God Gives Children** Psalm 127:3
- **God Gives Parents** Exodus 20:12
- **God Gives Care And Discipleship** Deuteronomy 6:6-7a
- **God Made Me For Family*** Romans 8:15

REDEMPTION

God provides adoption. God invites us into his family.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is Redeemer*** Ephesians 1:7
- **God Is Our Substitute*** 2 Corinthians 5:21
- **God Is Father*** 1 John 3:1
- **God Provides Adoption** Romans 8:15
- **The Faithful Father Provides A New Name** 1 John 3:1
- **The Faithful Father Provides A New Standing** 1 Peter 2:9-10
- **The Faithful Father Provides A New Hope** 1 Peter 1:3
- **The Faithful Father Provides A New Family** Ephesians 2:19
- **God Invites Me Into His Family*** 2 Corinthians 6:18

FALL

We are a broken family. Sin wrecked my family.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **We Are Sinners*** Romans 3:23
- **We Sin Against God*** Psalm 51:4
- **We Are Separated*** Isaiah 59:2
- **We Are A Broken Family** Romans 3:23
- **We Reject God's Plan For Our Family** Psalm 78:8
- **We Put Ourselves First** Philippians 2:3-4
- **We Disobey Our Parents** Ephesians 6:1-2
- **We Experience Pain And Loss As A Family** Genesis 3:17
- **Sin Wrecks My Family*** Hosea 4:6

NEW CREATION

God offers a new family. God makes us brothers and sisters.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is Alive*** John 1:3-4
- **God Is Victor*** 1 Corinthians 15:55-57
- **God Is Forever*** Revelation 4:8b
- **God Offers A New Family** Romans 12:5
- **God's Family Is The Church** Ephesians 2:19
- **God's Family Is Becoming** Ephesians 4:11-13
- **God's Family Is Diverse** Revelation 7:9
- **God's Family Is Forever** 1 John 5:12-13
- **God Makes Me Part Of A New Family*** 1 Peter 2:9-10

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4TH GRADE

4th grade looks at the gospel in light of all of life. God is life and is the life giver. All life is given and sustained by Him alone. Sin does not just hurt us, but it makes us dead. However, Jesus died in our place as our substitute, bearing the weight of our sin on the cross so that we could have new life. For those who trust in Him, God not only brings us from death in our sin to life in Him, but he offers eternal life with Him.

(Hebrews 1:3, Romans 6:23, 1 Peter 2:24, John 3:16)

CREATION

God is life. God is life, gives life, and sustains life.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is The Creator*** John 1:2-4
- **God Is The Good Creator*** James 1:17
- **God Is My Creator*** Genesis 1:27
- **God Is Life** John 1:2-4
- **Life Is A Gift From God** Nehemiah 9:6
- **Life Is Precious And Meaningful** Psalm 139:13-14
- **Life Is Joyful** Psalm 16:11
- **Life Has A Purpose** Psalm 138:8
- **God Is Life, Gives Life, And Sustains Life*** John 11:25

REDEMPTION

God is our substitute. Jesus died in my place.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is Redeemer*** Ephesians 1:7
- **God Is Our Substitute*** 2 Corinthians 5:21
- **God Is Father*** 1 John 3:1
- **Jesus Is Our Substitute** John 3:16
- **Jesus Undeservedly Takes Our Place** Romans 5:8
- **Jesus Is Our Penalty Bearer** Isaiah 53:5
- **Jesus Is Our Righteousness** 1 Peter 2:24
- **Jesus Is Our Victor** 1 Corinthians 15:56-57
- **Jesus Died In My Place*** 2 Corinthians 5:21

FALL

We are dead in our sin. Sin makes me dead.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **We Are Sinners*** Romans 3:23
- **We Sin Against God*** Psalm 51:4
- **We Are Separated*** Isaiah 59:2
- **We Are Dead In Our Sin** Romans 6:23
- **Sin Kills Our Relationship With God** Isaiah 59:2
- **Sin Kills Our Purpose** Romans 1:25
- **Sin Kills Our Joy** Psalm 51:12
- **Sin Kills Our Peace** Romans 8:5-6
- **Sin Makes Me Dead*** Ephesians 2:1-3

NEW CREATION

God offers eternal life. God makes me His forever.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is Alive*** John 1:3-4
- **God Is Victor*** 1 Corinthians 15:55-57
- **God Is Forever*** Revelation 4:8b
- **God Offers Eternal Life** John 3:16
- **Every Person Will Spend Eternity Somewhere** Matthew 25:46
- **Eternal Life Comes Through Saving Faith** John 3:14-15
- **Eternal Life Exists For Eternal Worship** Revelation 19:5-6
- **Eternity Changes The Way We Live Today** Colossians 3:2-4
- **God Makes Me His Forever*** Romans 5:21

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5TH GRADE

5th grade begins to look beyond our own lives to our purpose for living. God did not just give us life, but He has purpose, intention, and plan for our lives. Sin is not just a rejection of Him, but is a rejection of God's plan for us. We turn away from what God has declared to be the right paths that we ought to walk in, and we follow our own evil ways. Through Jesus in the gospel, God provides reconciliation for those who trust in Him. We are brought back into right standing with Him, and He gives us a new mission that changes how we live.

(Psalm 138:8, Isaiah 53:6, 2 Corinthians 5:18; 2:20)

CREATION

God has a plan for us. God created me for His purpose.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is The Creator*** John 1: 2-4
- **God Is The Good Creator*** James 1:17
- **God Is My Creator*** Genesis 1:27
- **God Has A Plan For Us** Psalm 138:8
- **God Created Me For His Glory** 1 Corinthians 10:31
- **God Created Me For Worship** Romans 12:1
- **God Created Me For Holiness** 1 Peter 1:15
- **God Created Me For Love** John 13:34
- **God Created Me For His Purpose*** 2 Timothy 1:9

REDEMPTION

God provides reconciliation. God reunites me to Himself and His purposes for my life through Jesus.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is Redeemer*** Ephesians 1:7
- **God Is Our Substitute*** 2 Corinthians 5:21
- **God Is Father*** 1 John 3:1
- **God Provides Reconciliation** 2 Corinthians 5:18
- **God Restores Our Relationships With Him** 2 Corinthians 5:21
- **God Restores Our Relationships With Others** 2 Corinthians 5:16
- **God Restores Our Relationships With Ourselves** 2 Corinthians 5:17
- **God Restores Our Relationships With The Lost** 2 Corinthians 5:19
- **God Restores His Purpose For Me*** 2 Corinthians 5:20

FALL

We rejected God's plan. Sin keeps me from being who God created me to be.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **We Are Sinners*** Romans 3:23
- **We Sin Against God*** Psalm 51:4
- **We Are Separated*** Isaiah 59:2
- **We Rejected God's Plan** Romans 1:18
- **We Reject God's Holiness** Romans 1:19-20
- **We Reject God's Love** Romans 1:21
- **We Reject God's Glory** Romans 1:22-23
- **We Reject Right Worship** Romans 1:24-25
- **Sin Rejects God's Purpose For Me*** Isaiah 53:6

NEW CREATION

God offers a new mission. God makes me his ambassador.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is Alive*** John 1:3-4
- **God Is Victor*** 1 Corinthians 15:55-57
- **God Is Forever** Revelation 4:8b
- **God Offers A New Mission** Acts 1:8
- **God's Mission Is For His Glory** Psalm 67:1-3
- **God's Mission Is Fueled By Position And Pursuit** John 15:5
- **God's Mission Is To Share The Gospel** John 15:15
- **God's Mission Is To Make Disciples** Matthew 28:19-20
- **God Makes Me His Ambassador*** Ephesians 6:19-20

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

IDENTITY: I AM IN CHRIST

The middle school years are all about identity. Students during this time of life are constantly asking the question, “who am I, where do I fit in, what’s my purpose?” They are transitioning from being a child to becoming a teenager, and it is awkward transition for everyone involved.

This time of life can become a time of identity confusion and identity crisis. This is a very crucial season in a child’s life for them to begin to understand what it means to find their identity in Jesus Christ.

During the middle school years of the discipleship plan, parents and teachers will have the opportunity to engage their children with the truth of what it means for us to become a new creation in Jesus. The theme of identity in Christ will be taught every year from sixth grade through the eighth grade in a way that develops successively year after year along with a child’s personal development. Subjects will include things like spiritual growth, spiritual gifts, biblical manhood and womanhood, relationships, authority, purity, community, and life on mission.

The goal is that students would be able to move from this phase to the next one with a clear understanding of what it means to find one’s identity in Jesus, and how they should live in light of this truth from God’s Word. Finding our identity in Christ means that who I am and what I am living for finds its root in who Jesus is. Our prayer is that students will begin to find their hope and security in Jesus Christ during this phase of life.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 1:

SEMESTER 1 - I AM IN CHRIST (2 Corinthians 5:17)

This year looks at how a relationship with Jesus transforms both our position, who we are in Christ, and our pursuit, how we live like Christ. This semester is about our abiding position in Christ.

GOD IS THE VINE – I AM A BRANCH

This series begins with the basics of abiding. When we repent of our sins and trust in Jesus to save us, we are made sons and daughters of God in Christ through faith. This is our abiding position and identity: we are in Christ.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **Abide Or Die** *John 15:5*
- **Abiding Is Position And Pursuit** *John 15:10-11*
- **I No Longer Live, Christ Lives In Me** *Galatians 2:20*
- **We Are No Longer Slaves; We Are Children Of God** *Romans 8:15-17*

GOD IS HOLY – I AM A SINNER / SAINT

This series walks through the book of Ephesians and compares God's holiness to our sinfulness, yet how when our abiding position is in Christ, we are becoming saints.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Turns Sinners Into Saints** *Ephesians 1:7*
- **God Wants Us To Know Him** *Ephesians 1:16-17*
- **God Raises The Dead To Life** *Ephesians 2:4-5*
- **God Gives His Family A New Identity** *Ephesians 2:19*
- **God Is Redeeming A New Family** *Ephesians 3:6*
- **God's Love Transforms Us** *Ephesians 3:17-19*
- **God Is One And We Are United** *Ephesians 4:4*
- **God Is Making Us Like Jesus Through His Church** *Ephesians 4:15*
- **God Makes Normal People New** *Ephesians 4:25*
- **God's People Pursue Holiness** *Ephesians 5:1-2*
- **God's People Know His Will** *Ephesians 5:17-18*
- **God Transforms Our Relationships** *Ephesians 6:5-6*
- **God Strengthens Us To Fight The Good Fight** *Ephesians 6:10-11*
- **God Sends Us To Make Him Known** *Ephesians 6:18b-19*

MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 1:

SEMESTER 2 - I AM GROWING

(Ephesians 4:13)

This semester is about our abiding pursuit of Christ.

GOD IS THE VINE – I AM A BRANCH

This series continues with the basics of abiding, building on our understanding of our abiding position in Christ to look our abiding pursuit of Christ.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **Abide Or Die** *John 15:5*
- **Abiding Is Pursuing A Deeper Understanding Of Who Jesus Is** *Philippians 3:12-14*
- **Abiding Is Pursuing Who Jesus Calls Us To Be** *Hebrews 5:14*

GOD IS THE TREASURE – I AM BANKRUPT

This series walks through the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7, giving principles for how we grow as Jesus followers.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **Blessing Comes Through Sacrifice And Surrender** *Matthew 5:3*
- **God's People Are Salt And Light** *Matthew 5:16*
- **Jesus Is The Fulfillment Of The Law** *Matthew 5:17*
- **Growth Requires Repentance** *Matthew 5:48*
- **The Father Knows The Motivation Of Our Worship** *Matthew 6:7-8*
- **God Is The Goal Of Prayer** *Matthew 6:9*
- **God's Children Treasure Him Most** *Matthew 6:21*
- **God Is Sufficient And We Can Trust Him With Today And Tomorrow** *Matthew 6:33-34*

GOD IS THE TEACHER – I AM A STUDENT

This brief 3-week series looks at how we pursue growth in Christ through God's Word.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God's Word Is A Delight To The Soul** *Psalms 119:15-16*
- **God's Word Is A Message To Discuss And Declare** *Deuteronomy 6:7*
- **God's Word Is Our Trustworthy Guide For All Of Life** *2 Timothy 3:16-17*

GOD IS WORTHY – I AM A WORSHIPER

This brief 3-week series looks at how we pursue growth in Christ through worship, both as individuals and part of the corporate community of Jesus followers.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **The Language Of Worship Is Prayer** *1 Thessalonians 5:17*
- **The Response Of Worship Is Sacrifice** *Romans 12:1*
- **The Community Of Worship Is The Gathering** *Colossians 3:16*

GOD IS THE WAY – I AM RUNNING THE RACE

This brief 3-week series teaches on Christ as the beginning of our abiding pursuit.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **Everyone Is On One Of Two Paths: Life Or Death** *Matthew 7:14*
- **Everyone's Life Produces Some Kind Of Fruit** *Matthew 7:20*
- **Everyone's Life Is Built On A Foundation** *Matthew 7:26-27*

MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 2:

SEMESTER 1 - I AM AN IMAGE BEARER (Genesis 1:27)

This year is about worship - how we were created in the image of God to worship God, and how we worship through all of life as ambassadors for Christ. This semester discusses how we were created in the image of God, and how this informs and impacts how we live.

GOD IS THE IMAGE – I AM AN IMAGE BEARER

This series takes a systematic-theological look at what it means to be an image bearer, and how this reality is seen through the whole story of the gospel.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is The Author And Subject Of Creation** *Genesis 1:1-2*
- **God Created Us In His Image And Likeness** *Genesis 1:26-28*
- **Image Bearers Are Unceasing Worshipers** *Romans 1:25*
- **Our Purpose As Image Bearers Is The Glory Of God** *1 Corinthians 10:31*
- **Our Significance As Image Bearers Is Found In Our Maker** *Psalms 139:13-16*
- **Our Gender As Image Bearers Is A Gift From God** *Genesis 1:27*
- **Our Pursuit As Image Bearers Is Purity** *1 Corinthians 6:17-20*
- **God Is Making Redeemed Image Bearers New** *Revelation 21:3-5*

GOD IS PURE – I AM PURSUING

This series walks through the book of Colossians, helping students pursue living holy, faithful, and obedient lives for God's glory.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **Jesus Followers Exist To Put God's Worth On Display** *Colossians 1:10*
- **Jesus Is Life** *Colossians 2:13-14*
- **We Are Raised With Christ** *Colossians 3:1*
- **Jesus Followers Put Sinful Desires To Death** *Colossians 3:5*
- **Jesus Followers Put Sinful Actions To Death** *Colossians 3:8-9*
- **Jesus Followers Put On Selflessness** *Colossians 3:12-13*
- **Jesus Followers Put On Christlikeness** *Colossians 3:14-15*
- **Jesus Followers Love God's Word** *Colossians 3:16-17*
- **Jesus Followers Exist For God's Glory** *Colossians 3:17*

MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 2:

SEMESTER 2 - I AM AN AMBASSADOR *(Corinthians 5:20)*

This semester continues discussing how we live, turning with an outward focus to be ambassadors to those around us.

GOD IS THE SOURCE – I AM A LIGHT

This series takes a biblical-theological look at light, beginning with Jesus as the light of the world, laying a foundation for how we live as an ambassador for Jesus.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **Jesus Is The Light Of The World** *John 1:3-5*
- **The Light Of The Gospel Raises People From Death To Life** *Ephesians 2:4-5*
- **God's Family Are Children Of The Light** *Philippians 2:14-15*
- **God's Family Shines For His Glory** *Matthew 5:16*

GOD IS THE KING – I AM AN AMBASSADOR

This series walks through 2 Corinthians 5:14-21, helping students learn what it looks like to be an ambassador for Christ.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **Ambassadors Are Compelled By Love** *2 Corinthians 5:14-15*
- **Ambassadors Are A New Creation** *2 Corinthians 5:16-17*
- **Ambassadors Are Ministers** *2 Corinthians 5:18-19*
- **Ambassadors Share The Good News** *2 Corinthians 5:20-21*

GOD IS THE MESSAGE – I AM A MESSENGER

This series looks at the gospel message from an evangelistic equipping perspective, teaching students how to not just personally believe truths about God, but how to teach them to others.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Is The Good Creator** *Genesis 1:31*
- **Sin Is A Rejection Of God** *Romans 1:25*
- **Jesus Broke The Power Of Sin** *Colossians 1:19-20*
- **God Is Making All Things New** *Revelation 21:5*
- **Salvation Comes Through Repentance And Faith** *Acts 2:38*
- **We Must Be Born Again** *John 3:3*
- **Jesus Is The Fountain Of Living Water** *John 4:13-14*
- **The Gospel Spreads Through Opposition** *Acts 4:1-4*
- **Following Jesus Faithfully Is Costly** *Acts 7:59-60*
- **God's Messengers Follow His Leading** *Acts 8:26-27*
- **True Friends Make Known The Love Of Jesus** *John 15:15*
- **Gospel Proclamation Begins With Burden** *Acts 17:16-17*

MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 3:

SEMESTER 1 - I AM PART OF A FAMILY (Roman 8:15)

This year looks at how we are united together with other Jesus followers as the family of God, and how we use our gifts to serve and build up that family, the church. This semester looks at the family of God: the church, and our place in it.

GOD IS FATHER – I AM ADOPTED

This series gives a biblical theology of family and adoption rooted in God our Father and the adoption we receive in salvation.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Created Family** *Genesis 1:27-28*
- **God Makes Himself Known Through Family** *Genesis 17:7*
- **Families Are Broken By Sin** *Genesis 3:12; 4:9-10*
- **Jesus Breaks The Power Of Sin** *Romans 8:1-3*
- **God Provides Adoption** *Romans 8:14-16*
- **God's Family Lives In Hope** *Romans 8:23-25*
- **God Is The Perfect Father** *Romans 8:31-32*
- **We Belong To God's Family** *Romans 8:37-39*

GOD IS FATHER – I AM PART OF A FAMILY

This series looks at the family that we are adopted into as Jesus followers: the church, teaching on various practical aspects of what the church is and does.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **The Church Is Family** *Galatians 6:10*
- **The Church Exists For God's Glory** *Ephesians 3:20-21*
- **The Church Abides In Christ** *John 15:4-5*
- **The Church Is Devoted To Gathering For Worship** *Hebrews 10:24-25*
- **The Church Makes Disciples** *Matthew 28:19-20*
- **The Church Is Led By Qualified Elders** *1 Peter 5:1-3*
- **The Church Is Sacrificial** *Romans 12:1*
- **The Church Is Radically Generous** *2 Corinthians 8:1-2*
- **The Church Is Dependent** *1 Corinthians 12:27*
- **The Church Is Marked By Love** *John 13:34-35*

MIDDLE SCHOOL

YEAR 3:

SEMESTER 2 - I AM CALLED (Ephesians 4:4)

This semester looks at the callings on a life of a Christian: to follow Jesus, to serve His people, and to use their gifts for His glory.

GOD IS KING – I AM A DISCIPLE

This series looks at the call to follow Christ: to be a disciple, looking at several Old and New Testament examples of those who faithfully followed God.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **Jesus Followers Embrace Surrender** *Mark 8:34*
- **Jesus Followers Pursue Holiness** *Daniel 1:8*
- **Jesus Followers Live For The One King** *Daniel 3:16-18*
- **Jesus Followers Are Living Pictures Of The Gospel** *Acts 20:24*
- **Jesus Followers Endure** *Jeremiah 20:9*
- **Jesus Followers Live By Faith** *Hebrews 12:1-2*

GOD IS THE MASTER – I AM A SERVANT

This series looks at the calling to be a servant on the life of a Jesus follower, considering how we are to live as one who lays down our life for our Master.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **Servants Of Jesus Know And Grow In Grace** *Matthew 20:15-16*
- **Servants Of Jesus Have One Master** *Matthew 6:24*
- **Servants Of Jesus Faithfully Endure** *Matthew 24:45-46*
- **Servants Forgive Because They Have Been Forgiven** *Matthew 18:33*
- **Servants Of Jesus Serve Sacrificially** *Mark 10:43-45*
- **Servants Are Stewards Of The Gospel** *1 Corinthians 4:1-2*

GOD IS THE GIFT GIVER – I AM GIFTED

This series serves as an introduction to the Holy Spirit, who He is, His role in the life of a Jesus follower, and His gifts in our lives.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Gifts His People For Faithfulness** *Matthew 25:21*
- **The Holy Spirit Is Our Helper** *John 14:16*
- **We Are Gifted By The Spirit** *1 Corinthians 12:4-6*
- **God's Gifted People Are Better Together** *1 Corinthians 12:12-13*
- **Spiritual Gifts Are Not For Us** *1 Peter 4:10-11*
- **We Must Abide To Bear Spiritual Fruit** *John 15:5*
- **The Aim Of Our Charge Is Love** *1 Timothy 1:5*



HIGH SCHOOL

INFLUENCE: I LIVE FOR JESUS

The high school years are all about influence. Students during this time of life are constantly trying to figure out what their purpose in life is, and how they get at their purpose through their passions. They are transitioning from being a middle schooler to becoming an adult. In a few short years they will be out from under your care and on their own. This is a very crucial season in a child's life for them to begin to understand and embrace the amazing purpose that God has created and prepared them for, and to leverage their influence for His glory. During the high school years of the discipleship plan, parents and teachers will have the opportunity to engage their children with the truth of what it means to live for Jesus.

God has uniquely gifted every person with gifts, passions, and experiences that they can leverage to influence others for the glory of God, which in turn leads to their joy.

The theme of influence will be taught every year from ninth grade through the twelfth grade in a way that develops successively year after year along with a child's personal and spiritual development.

The goal is that students would be able to move from this phase to adulthood with a clear understanding of what it means to leverage one's influence for Jesus. When we live to make God famous with our lives, He becomes our joy, and our joy becomes full in Him. Our prayer is that students will find their hope in God and graduate high school resolved to leverage their lives for His glory in all of life.

HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 1:

SEMESTER 1 - LIVING FOR JESUS (John 15:5)

This year is about transformation: a Jesus follower's purpose for living and their goals in life are changed by Jesus and look different than the world. This semester looks at the primary focus and aim of our lives as Jesus followers: to live for Christ.

I AM

This series looks at the "I Am" statements of Jesus in the book of John to help students gain a biblical understanding of the Christ they are seeking to live for.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **Jesus Is I Am** *John 8:58*
- **Jesus Is The Bread Of Life** *John 6:35*
- **Jesus Is The Light Of The World** *John 8:12*
- **Jesus Is The Door** *John 10:9*
- **Jesus Is The Good Shepherd** *John 10:10-11*
- **Jesus Is The Resurrection And The Life** *John 11:25*
- **Jesus Is The Way, The Truth, And The Life** *John 14:6*
- **Jesus Is The Vine** *John 15:5*

JAMES

This series walks through the book of James, looking at what faith is and how faith is lived out and expressed through the life of a Jesus follower that is distinct from the world.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **Faith Is Forged Through Adversity** *James 1:2-4*
- **People Of Faith Are Doers Of The Word** *James 1:22*
- **Faith Rejects Partiality** *James 2:1*
- **Faith Without Works Is Dead** *James 2:26*
- **People Of Faith Speak Differently** *James 3:10*
- **People Of Faith Walk In Wisdom From Above** *James 3:13-14*
- **People Of Faith Fight Pride And Self-Centeredness** *James 4:6-7a*
- **People Of Faith Embrace Patience** *James 5:7*
- **Faith Is Expressed Through Prayer And Pursuit** *James 5:16*
- **Servants Of Jesus Live By Faith** *James 1:6*

HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 1:

SEMESTER 2 - LIVING IN PURSUIT (Colossians 3:16)

This semester looks at how we are to live for Jesus: in pursuit of being a faithful Jesus follower.

DISCIPLE

This series is an overview of what it looks like to be a disciple, following Jesus and calling others to follow Him as well, in the everyday aspects of life.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **Disciples Follow Jesus** *Matthew 4:19*
- **Disciples Are Ordinary People** *1 Corinthians 1:26-27*
- **Disciples Are Servants** *Mark 10:43-44*
- **Disciples Depend On God's Word** *Matthew 4:4*
- **Disciples Obey God's Word** *John 14:15*
- **Disciples Teach God's Word** *Matthew 28:20*
- **Disciples Pray Intentionally** *Matthew 6:9*
- **Disciples Pray Persistently** *Matthew 7:7*
- **Disciples Pray In Jesus' Name** *John 16:23-24*
- **Disciples Depend On The Father** *Matthew 6:30-32*
- **Disciples Abide In The Son** *John 15:5*
- **Disciples Are Led By The Spirit** *Romans 8:14*
- **Disciples Love God Most** *Luke 10:27-28*

2 TIMOTHY

This series teaches through 2 Timothy, looking at an example of the life of a disciple and how we are to pursue Jesus faithfully.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **Jesus Followers Persevere** *2 Timothy 1:14*
- **The Christian Life Is A Fight** *2 Timothy 2:3-4*
- **Holiness Matters To God** *2 Timothy 2:21-22*
- **Beware Counterfeit Forms Of Godliness** *2 Timothy 3:5*
- **God Is The Source And Author Of Scripture** *2 Timothy 3:16*
- **Jesus Followers Faithfully Proclaim The Gospel** *2 Timothy 4:1-2*
- **God Gives Strength To His Children** *2 Timothy 4:17*

HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 2:

SEMESTER 1 - LIVING IN WISDOM (Proverbs 9:10)

This year is about worship. Right worship of Christ informs how we live wisely and how we see those around us and proclaim Jesus to them. This semester looks at how we are to live wisely for Christ in a world that is dark and decaying in sin. This semester is a whole series overviewing Proverbs, and is broken up into four mini-series. This series will lead students to understand what wisdom is, why it is worthy to be pursued, how we ought to strive for it, and how we live in light of wisdom given from God.

PROVERBS: THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM

BIG TRUTHS:

- **The Fear Of The Lord Is The Beginning Of Wisdom** *Proverbs 9:10*
- **By Wisdom God Founded Creation** *Proverbs 3:19*
- **Wisdom Comes From God** *Proverbs 2:6*
- **Wisdom Is A Pursuit** *Proverbs 4:7*

PROVERBS: THE VALUE OF WISDOM

BIG TRUTHS:

- **Wisdom Saves Us From Ourselves** *Proverbs 28:26*
- **Wisdom Builds A Solid Life** *Proverbs 24:3*
- **Wisdom Is Sweet And Secure** *Proverbs 24:13-14*
- **Wisdom's Value Is Beyond Comparison** *Proverbs 8:11*

PROVERBS: THE PURSUIT OF WISDOM

BIG TRUTHS:

- **Wisdom Is An Investment** *Proverbs 23:23*
- **The Pursuit Of Wisdom Is A Mark Of Discernment** *Proverbs 17:24; 14:8*
- **The Way Of Wisdom And Folly Are Two Separate Paths** *Proverbs 14:1*
- **Safety Is Found In Godly Counsel** *Proverbs 11:14*
- **Wisdom Values Correction** *Proverbs 3:11*

PROVERBS: THE PRACTICE OF WISDOM

BIG TRUTHS:

- **Wisdom Embraces Humility** *Proverbs 11:2*
- **Wisdom Chooses To Guard The Heart** *Proverbs 4:23*
- **Wisdom Pursues Diligence And Rejects Laziness** *Proverbs 10:4-5*
- **Wisdom Speaks The Truth** *Proverbs 8:6-7*
- **Wisdom Pursues What Is Pure** *Matthew 5:8; Philippians 4:8; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20*

HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 2:

SEMESTER 2 - LIVING ON MISSION (Matthew 28:18)

This semester looks at how we are to rightly use our influence, to be obedient to the mission of God.

ACTS

This series walks through the major narratives in the book of Acts, teaching on what the mission of God is, how we are to live in light of the mission we've been given as Jesus followers, and how we are to proclaim these truths to others.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **We Are Empowered To Be Witnesses To The End Of The Earth** Acts 1:8
- **We Are Called To Repent And Be Baptized** Acts 2:38
- **We Are On Mission Together** Acts 2:44
- **We Pursue Boldness To Make Jesus Known** Acts 4:29
- **We Lay Down Our Lives To Proclaim Gospel Truth** Acts 7:56-58
- **God Chooses His Instruments To Carry His Name To The World** Acts 9:15
- **God Shows No Partiality** Acts 10:34-35
- **God Uses The Church To Send Out His Ambassadors** Acts 13:3-4
- **Faith Perseveres Through Many Tribulations** Acts 14:21-22
- **We Are Saved By Grace** Acts 15:10-11
- **Our Hope Is Greater Than Our Circumstances** Acts 16:25
- **Our Hope Is A Witness To Others** Acts 16:25
- **The Gospel Has The Power To Turn The World Upside Down** Acts 17:6
- **God Commands All People Everywhere To Repent** Acts 17:27b-30
- **God Is With You Wherever You Go** Acts 18:9-10
- **Faith And Repentance Are Inseparable Acts Of Grace** Acts 19:18
- **We Are Called To Share The Whole Truth Of God's Word** Acts 20:27
- **We Sacrifice Our Personal Freedoms For The Sake Of The Gospel** Acts 21:23-24
- **Our Testimony Is Jesus** Acts 26:22-23
- **The Gospel Of Jesus Has Been Sent To The Nations** Acts 28:28

HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 3:

SEMESTER 1 - LIVING IN COMMUNITY (Hebrews 10:24)

This year is about how we live as one of God's people in community with others as we are set free from sin and set free to live for Christ alone. This semester looks at how we are to live as a member of God's family distinct from the world around us.

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE THE CHURCH

This series takes a unique look at different characteristics of the people of God. The series is organized in pairs. The first guide in each pair looks at a characteristic of Israel: God's people in the Old Testament, and the second guide in each pair takes a New Testament passage and looks at how we see this same characteristic now in God's people the church, who are united through Jesus.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God Sets Apart a People for Himself** (Intro Guide) - Exodus 6:7
- **God's People are Unworthy** Isaiah 6:5
- **The Church is a Chosen People** Romans 8:29-30
- **God's People Exist for Him** Deuteronomy 6:5
- **The Church is a Worshipping People** Romans 12:1
- **God's People are Dependent** John 15:5; Psalm 20:7-8
- **The Church is Marked by Faith** Romans 1:17
- **God's People are Set Free** Galatians 5:1; Exodus 6:6-7
- **The Church is a Redeemed People** Romans 3:23-25a
- **God's People are Marked by His Presence** Joshua 1:9
- **The Church is the Temple of God** 1 Corinthians 3:16
- **God's People Sabbath** Exodus 20:10-11
- **The Church is an Abiding People** John 15:4-5
- **God's People Long for a King** Zechariah 9:9-10
- **The Church is the King's People** Colossians 1:13-14
- **God's People are Not Silent** Acts 18:9; Psalm 30:12
- **The Church is a Disciple-Making People** Matthew 28:18-20
- **God's People are the Church** (Conclusion Guide) - Colossians 1:18

HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 3:

SEMESTER 2 - LIVING IN FREEDOM (Galatians 5:1)

This semester looks at how we are to live as those who are no longer slaves to sin, but are set free in Christ.

EXODUS

This series looks at the law given in the book of Exodus, seeing that God gave the law to help His people walk in freedom, and that the law was insufficient.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **God is our Lord** *Deuteronomy 7:9*
- **God Commands Us to Worship Him as Supreme** *Exodus 20:3*
- **God Commands Us to Worship Him Alone** *Exodus 20:4-6*
- **God Commands Us to Worship Him With Reverence** *Exodus 20:7*
- **God Commands Us to Rest in Him** *Exodus 20:8-11*
- **God Commands Us to Honor Our Parents** *Exodus 20:12*
- **God Commands Us to Not Murder** *Exodus 20:13*
- **God Commands Us to Not Commit Adultery** *Exodus 20:14*
- **God Commands Us to Not Steal** *Exodus 20:15*
- **God Commands Us to Not Bear False Witness** *Exodus 20:16*
- **God Commands Us to Not Covet** *Exodus 20:17*

GALATIANS

This series walks through the book of Galatians, seeing what we are called to as those who have been delivered from slavery to sin and made to walk in freedom as new creations in Christ, as well as reorienting our ideas and definitions of freedom based on Scripture.

BIG TRUTHS:

- **Jesus Sets Us Free** *Galatians 5:1*
- **Freedom is Found in Becoming Servants of Jesus** *Galatians 1:10*
- **Freedom in Jesus Means Death to Self** *Galatians 2:20*
- **Freedom is a Result of Adoption into God's Family** *Galatians 3:23-26*
- **Jesus Frees Us from the Pursuit of Self-Salvation** *Galatians 3:10-13*
- **Jesus Frees Us from the Need for Approval** *Galatians 1:10; 2:4-6*
- **Jesus Sets Us Free to Serve Others** *Galatians 5:13*
- **Jesus Sets Us Free to Walk by the Spirit** *Galatians 5:16*
- **Jesus Sets Us Free to Do Good** *Galatians 6:10*

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SENIOR YEAR

OVERVIEW

The final year of the Family Discipleship Plan is designed as an independent study. It aims to foster independence in spiritual practices and pursuits, to help students establish or maintain rhythms that will serve them well into adulthood, and to cultivate a zeal and love for the things of the Lord.

The rest of the High School FDP repeats on a three-year cycle. For students who have already been through its content at their church, the Senior Year supplements the repeated series, helping students consider and apply familiar truths through a lens of selflessness. The aim is that students would be others-focused, using their influence to think, “How can I use this truth to help others follow Jesus?”

Ecclesiastes 12:13: *The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.*

Acts 20:24: *But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*

RESOURCES

Resource Library: A collection of helpful resources to help students establish, or continue in, helpful rhythms of study and spiritual disciplines.

Workout: A template to lead students to ponder, pray, and practice. The template can be used with any Scripture passage or topic, making it flexible to go alongside ministry programs or be used on its own.

TIPS TO TEACH AND TALK IN THE SENIOR YEAR:

Tips for the home:

- The Senior Workout is designed to help students establish, build, maintain, and restore healthy rhythms of spiritual disciplines. Encourage their independence, but provide direction and accountability.
- Encourage students in the relationships that help them grow as disciples of Jesus, and encourage them in relationships that help them grow as disciple-makers.

Tips for the church:

- Have a senior year meeting to cast vision for this year.
- The core of the content that students will receive within church programs, they will have heard before. This time, how can the church train them to apply it through an “others-centered” lens?
- The High School Focus is Influence, but when students hear content for the first time as freshmen, they likely are not thinking about or practicing influence. When they are taught truths a second time as a senior, they can selfishly think, “I have heard this before,” or they can look outside of self, seek to use their influence, and think, “How can I use this truth to help others follow Jesus?”
- Consider how your programming can utilize seniors and give them a lab within which they can practice using their influence in younger students’ lives alongside adult leaders.

OVERVIEW PAGE

The Overview page is meant to be used as a resource to guide parents and teachers in how each part of the FDP fits within the broader scope and sequence.



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INFLUENCE

We are not our own. Our lives belong to the Lord, and we are responsible to use our influence for God's glory over our own, to build His kingdom over ours, and to make much of Jesus instead of ourselves. Ephesians 1 proclaims that the Jesus follower is called according to His purpose. The senior year aims to equip you to study God's Word independently and grow to use your influence for the good of others and the glory of God.

AIMS



Every student should know...

- God is One.
- In His sovereignty, He is bringing all things through the story of creation, fall, redemption, and new creation.
- By His grace, He has brought us from death in sin to new life in Christ.
- By His power, we can use our influence to make Him known.



Every student should feel...

- Feel small: God is God, and you are not.
- Feel awe for the God whose story of redemption is unfolding.
- Feel secure: when you are in Christ, nothing can separate you.
- Feel responsible to use your influence to make much of Jesus.



Every student should strive to...

- Be wholly submitted to God, His Word, and His people.
- Be wholly devoted to Jesus alone.
- Be immersed in truth, and flee from the lies of the world.
- Make disciples.
- Regularly observe your own life, confess sin and weakness, and take next steps to grow in maturity: the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (Eph 4).



Every student should want to...

- Know the fullness of God's will in Jesus. (Eph 1:9)
- Glorify God in all things. (1 Cor 10:31)
- See others glorify God because of their influence. (Gal 1:27)
- Long for the day when Jesus comes again. (Rev 22:20)

STUDY BIBLE

- [ESV Study Bible](#)

COMMENTARIES

- [Christ-Centered Exposition](#) Commentary Series
- [Look at the Book](#) Scripture Labs

BIBLE READING PLANS

- [Canonical](#)
- [Chronological](#)
- [M'Cheyne](#)

BOOKS

- [Spiritual Disciplines](#) (Whitney): Grow in personal abiding
- [Love Your Church](#) (Merida): Grow in corporate abiding
- [Just Do Something](#) (DeYoung): Grow in discerning the Lord's will
- [You are a Theologian](#) (Wilkin & English): Grow in understanding, applying, and sharing doctrine
- [Discipling](#) (Dever): Grow in investing in others

PURSUIITS AND RHYTHMS

- Be a faithful member of a church
- Commit to gathering weekly with your local church
- Be in at least one discipling relationship where someone is helping you grow
- Be in at least one discipling relationship where you are helping someone else grow
- Have regular rhythms of spiritual disciplines, both personal and corporate
- If you are going away to college, be diligent to pursue church membership and gospel-centered community in your new city

Select a passage of Scripture from your personal study or one led by your church. Use the following questions as a template for pursuing faithful study of God's Word.



STUDY: *Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Psalm 111:2*

Find the Big Truth (Scripture proclaims truth.)

- What is the main point of this passage?
- How do we know this is the main point?
- Are there other key truths within this passage?

Find Big Ideas (Truths have implications and applications; they mean something for our lives and require a response.)

- What implications of this truth do you see in this passage?
- What other implications does this truth have for our lives?
- What does this passage teach us about God?
- Is there any sin to avoid, commands to obey, or promises to trust in?

MEDITATE: *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. Psalm 1:1-2*



PRAY: *Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16*

- Pray Scripture.
- Pray in adoration and praise for who God is and in thanksgiving for what God has done.
- Pray in confession of sin, submitting to the authority of Scripture.
- Pray in supplication, asking God to meet your specific needs and help you grow.
- Pray in intercession, asking God to meet the specific needs of others and to help them grow.



PRACTICE: *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. James 1:22*

Talk About Truth

In isolation, we are prone to error and deception. Having faithful Jesus followers around us with whom we can study God's Word helps guard us from the dangers of false teaching in our own interpretation.

- Who can you talk with about what you're pondering?

Obey Truth

We exercise our influence by personally applying God's truth to our lives and living in light of it.

- What are some next steps of obedience that we can take this week in light of the truths and implications from this passage? (*Confession, repentance, faith, trust, worship, pursuit, growth, etc.*)
- What is one application that you are going to pursue this week?

Teach Truth

We exercise our influence by engaging others and teaching them to observe all God has commanded.

- If you were taking someone else through this passage of Scripture, how would you talk about its truths and implications?
- How can you take the truths and implications from this passage and help someone else this week? (*Helping them take a next step, sharing the gospel, encouraging, admonishing, etc.*)
- Who is one person that you will talk to this week about what you have learned?