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STUDENTS

Welcome to Beach Camp!

We know you will have an incredible time, and of course, we want you to enjoy yourself. But first and foremost, we want you to seize this opportunity to seek a relationship with Christ if you have not yet accepted Him as your Savior ... or to deepen your relationship with Him if you have already asked Jesus into your heart.

When the Word of God comes alive in your heart, it becomes your desire to honor the Word. And honoring the Word means fulfilling God's command to reach our neighbors and the nations with the hope we have in Christ.

As you look upon the white sands of Fort Walton Beach and the people who have come from all over the world to vacation, consider the likelihood that many of them—just like those in our own communities—do not know Jesus. Consider also the words of Jesus to the disciples in John 4:35: “Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.”

The mission field is vast, and I truly believe it will be your generation that will ignite the greatest season of evangelism in our lifetime.

'Til the whole world hears,



WHERE ARE WE GOING?

First Baptist Fort Walton Beach

(Worship)

126 Harbeson Ave. SE
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

**We will be shuttling students to/
from the church and resorts via our
charter buses*

Waterscape Resort *(All HS)*

1110 Santa Rosa Blvd.
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Summer Place *(JHigh Boys)*

1111 Santa Rosa Blvd.
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Azure Resort *(JHigh Girls)*

1150 Santa Rosa Blvd.
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Island Echos Resort *(All ESP)*

676 Santa Rosa Blvd.
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

LODGING DETAILS:

Every student will be placed in a two- or four-bedroom condo at their respective resort with seven to 10 of their friends. We will have at least one adult leader in every condo unit.

WHAT ARE
WE DOING?

LET'S GO SCHEDULE

MONDAY 6.10

- 4:30 AM Load Buses @ Plano/Prosper
- 5:00 AM Buses Depart
- 7:00 PM Buses Arrive @ Condos
- 8:15 PM Load Buses: Resorts >>> FBC
- 8:45 PM Worship
- 10:30 PM Load Buses: FBC >>> Resorts
- 10:30 PM Night Meds (ends @ 11:30 PM)
- 11:30 PM Lights Out

TUESDAY 6.11

- 7:30 AM Morning Meds (ends @ 8:30 AM)
- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 8:45 AM Silent Sounds
- 10:00 AM Family Groups
- 11:15 AM Load Buses: Resorts >>> Rec
- 11:45 AM Rec
- 12:15 PM Load Buses: Rec >>> Resorts
- 12:45 PM Lunch
- 2:00 PM Free Time
- 4:30 PM Clean Up
- 5:00 PM Dinner
- 6:30 PM Load Buses: Resorts >>> FBC
- 7:00 PM Worship
- 9:00 PM Load Buses: FBC >>> Resorts
- 9:30 PM Curfew/Condo Time
- 9:30 PM Night Meds (ends @ 10:30 PM)
- 11:00 PM Lights Out

WHEAT'S
LUNCH?

WEDNESDAY 6.12

- 7:30 AM Morning Meds (ends @ 8:30 AM)
- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 8:45 AM Silent Sounds
- 10:00 AM Family Groups
- 11:15 AM Load Buses: Resorts >>> Rec
- 11:45 AM Rec
- 12:15 PM Load Buses: Rec >>> Resorts
- 12:45 PM Lunch
- 2:00 PM Free Time
- 4:30 PM Clean Up
- 5:00 PM Dinner
- 6:30 PM Load Buses: Resorts >>> FBC
- 7:00 PM Worship
- 9:00 PM Load Buses: FBC >>> Resorts
- 9:30 PM Curfew/Condo Time
- 9:30 PM Night Meds (ends @ 10:30 PM)
- 11:00 PM Lights Out

THURSDAY 6.13

- 7:30 AM Morning Meds (ends @ 8:30 AM)
- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 8:45 AM Silent Sounds
- 10:00 AM Family Groups
- 11:15 AM Load Buses: Resorts >>> Rec
- 11:45 AM Rec
- 12:15 PM Load Buses: Rec >>> Resorts
- 12:45 PM Lunch
- 2:00 PM Free Time
- 3:30 PM Clean up
- 4:30 PM Load Buses: Waterscape/Summer Place >>> The Gulf
- 4:30 PM Load Buses: Azure/Island Echoes >>> The Gulf
- 5:00 PM Dinner
- 5:30 PM Group Picture
- 5:40 PM Baptism
- 6:40 PM Load Buses: The Gulf >>> FBC
- 7:00 PM Acoustic Worship
- 8:00 PM Load Buses: FBC >>> Resorts
- 8:30 PM Curfew/Condo Time
- 8:30 PM Night Meds (ends @ 9:30 PM)
- 10:30 PM Lights Out

FRIDAY 6.14

- 6:00 AM Load buses @ Condos
- 6:30 AM Leave for Prosper/Plano
- 8:00 PM Buses arrive in Prosper & Plano

JUST ONE
MORE
DAY!

40

STUDENT SHARE DAYS

JUNE 18

JULY 9

JULY 23

Join us in sharing the Gospel with our community this summer! These days are designed for us to grow in our ability and confidence in sharing the Gospel, so let's be intentional about reaching the lost and taking the Gospel to them! Stay tuned on social media for details!



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GUYS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



JUNE 22 | 7:00-11:00PM

PLANO CAMPUS GUYS' MINISTRY

SFC GYMS

VISA GIFT CARDS FOR WINNERS

BEACH CAMP GUIDELINES

All attendees must agree to abide by the following guidelines to be able to attend camp. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN YOUR BEING SENT HOME AT YOUR OWN EXPENSE.

1. Please let your behavior reflect what Beach Camp is about. We have a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to pranks, hazing, drugs, alcohol, pornography or any other behavior deemed inappropriate.
2. Obey the rules of all camp facilities (condos, rec fields and church).
3. No one will be allowed to leave any of the camp facilities unless permission has been received from NextGen Pastor Jason Mick. No visitors are allowed without prior permission from Jason.
4. Stay in the designated areas during Rec/Free Time.
5. No stepping out to balconies ... ever!
6. Guys are not allowed in the girls' rooms; girls are not allowed in the guys' rooms. Violators will earn an AUTOMATIC TRIP HOME AT YOUR EXPENSE.
7. All students must be supervised by an adult leader at all times. No student or group of students should ever be in a condo without an adult present.
8. Participate in EVERYTHING.
9. If medical attention is needed, report the incident immediately to the camp nurses.
10. No one may leave his/her room after curfew. Lights Out is designed for your benefit.
11. You are not allowed to bring or have the following items at camp: drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, pornography, weapons, fireworks, balloons or any electronic cigarette/vaping devices. Do not bring or watch questionable entertainment on personal devices. WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO INSPECT YOUR LUGGAGE SHOULD WE HAVE REASON TO DO SO.
12. Any property damage must be reported immediately to Jason Mick and the condo captain.
13. Nametags and wristbands must be worn at all times.
14. Be on time for all Silent Sounds, Family Groups, worship times, meals, Rec, etc.
15. NO FOOD DELIVERIES!

DRESS CODE



We expect students to use discretion and discernment in dress. If what they are wearing is deemed inappropriate or doesn't fit the dress code, ask students to go back upstairs and change clothes or give them an oversized T-shirt to wear over their clothes.

Girls: Only modest one-piece or “tankini” swimsuits that fully cover the midriff. Think “sporty one-piece” bathing suits! No mesh, cut-outs, hi-cut, low-cut, strapless or cheeky cut suits will be allowed.

Guys: No short (mid-thigh) or tight shorts will be allowed.

Students must wear tank tops/T-shirts and shorts to and from Free Time. T-shirts with sleeves are required during all worship sessions. Shoes must always be worn, except when on the beach or swimming.



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DODGEBALL 2024



AUGUST 28

PLANO | 6:00-9:00PM | BASEBALL FIELDS



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NO
FOOD



DELIVERIES!



TEXT

DEVO

TO 74788

TO RECEIVE A
DAILY DEVOTIONAL

OR SCAN THIS

STARTING POINT

A six-week discipleship
curriculum for students
sign up today by
texting...

PLANO AND ESPAÑOL:
"PCSP" OR "ESPSP" TO 74788

NORTH:
"NCSP" TO 55125



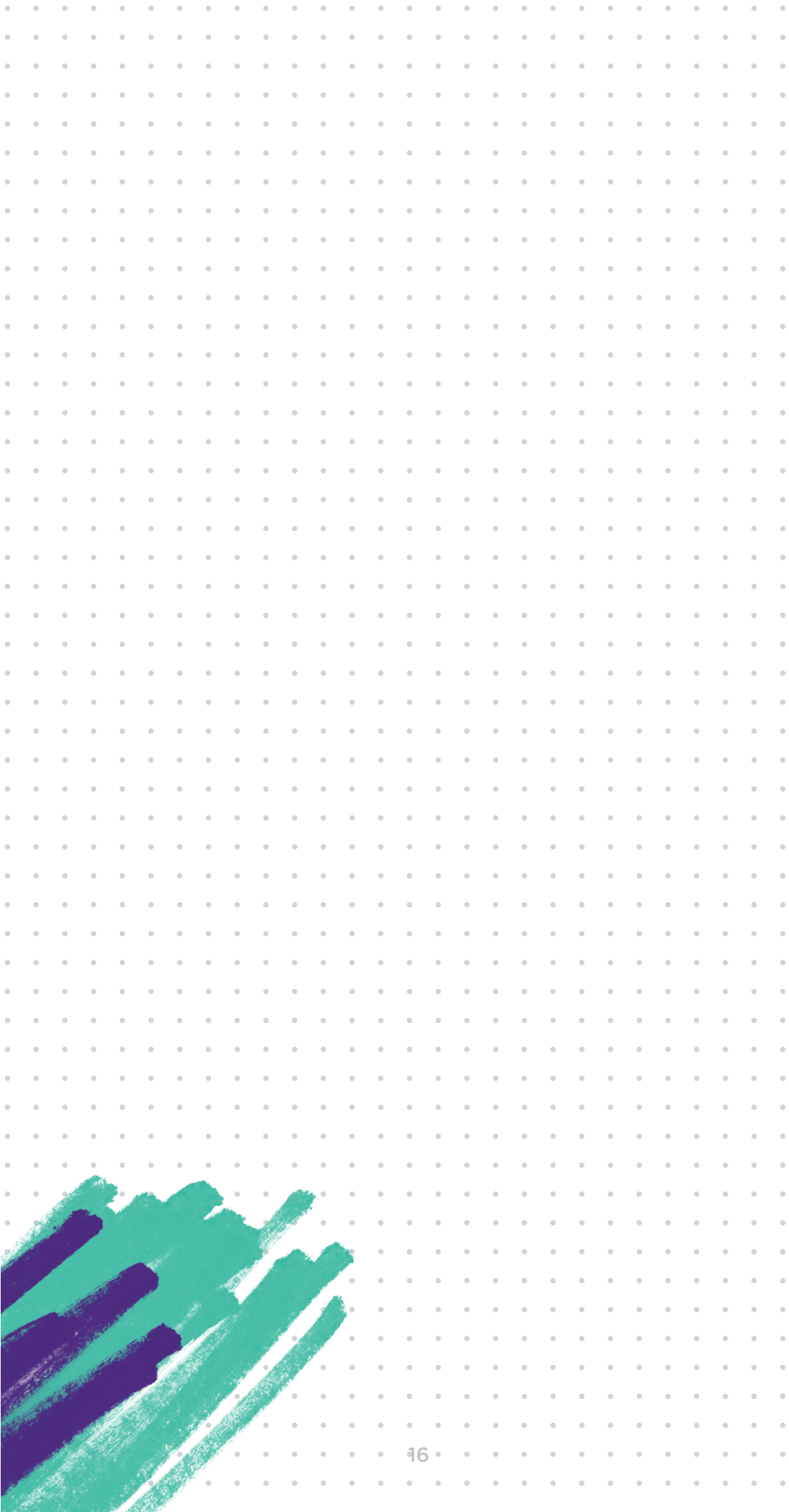
MORE THAN ABLE

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” —Romans 8:28

When we face trials and seasons of uncertainty, we must face only one direction, and that’s toward the faithful and promise-keeping love of Christ. It’s in the lowest moments that we, as Christians, hang on to the confidence of knowing that our God is more than able.

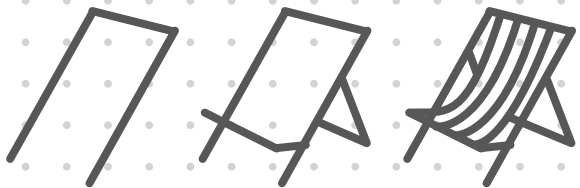
This song highlights our journey when facing doubt or troublesome times, leading to a place of realization that the Lord will always provide. The Lord is still working miracles in this very moment and has never stopped - and will never stop. You may need a miracle right now. If you allow the Waymaker to lead you in the valleys and place your trust in Him, you will find rest and see the Lord move in you and through you, which leads you to ask yourself, Who am I to deny what the Lord can do?

STEPS



WORSHIP NOTES

MONDAY



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

PLANO



NORTH



GUYS GIRLS

PLANO



NORTH



Our guys/girls summer Bible study is a weekly time of engaging in God's Word together and growing in spiritual community.

LIFE GROUPS KICKOFF



PLANO CAMPUS

SUNDAYS, 9:30 AND 11:00 AM

JHigh in the Sports & Fitness Center | HS in the Student Ministry Building

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NORTH CAMPUS

SUNDAYS, 10:00 AM

Student Ministry Building

 @PWSTUDENTS NORTH

 @PRESTONWOODSTUDENTS NORTH

PRESTONWOOD EN ESPAÑOL

Plano Campus

SUNDAYS, 12:45 PM

Student Ministry Building

Lewisville Campus

SUNDAYS, 12:45 PM

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SESS



PRAISE

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord.” Psalm 150:6

Our God is deserving of our adoration, and if we have breath in our lungs, let us give glory to the King of Kings. Giving God praise through the act of musical worship is a gift that we must appreciate and use to declare the victory we have in Him. This song declares that no matter what circumstance we may walk through, we should respond with gratitude for our hope is found in Christ alone. Gratitude shouldn't just be expressed in monumental moments but should be an ongoing, continuous, never-ending, forever recognition of the goodness of God in our lives. Our praise is produced by our faith, and our faith is rooted in Christ. What receives our adoration will be evident in the way we live our lives. We worship because Jesus rose and defeated the grave, so may we not keep this good news to ourselves but let's shout it out with PRAISE!



Life is busy. We get it. Sometimes we get so busy that we forget to stop, be still, and listen to what God has to say to us. During Silent Sounds, you will be away from all distractions and alone with God as you discover what He has in store for you. He loves you, and His plans for you are big. We encourage you to be real with Him. Read the verses in your Bible, reflect on what you're reading by highlighting or writing in your Bible, and talk to Him as if He were sitting right next to you, because He is. The best way to start your time each day is to spend a few minutes in prayer asking God to speak to you through His Word. We truly believe that these times of stillness will be one of your favorite parts of Beach Camp.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU! HAVE A GREAT WEEK!



“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

—MATTHEW 4:19

The word *follow* has many definitions:

1. Go after in time or order
2. Act according to
3. Pay close attention to
4. Practice

The word *follow* isn't new; however, in 2006, a new social media site was launched—Twitter. On this account, users were given the option to “follow” other users, giving a brand-new meaning to the word. Now, in 2024, there is little confusion as to what this word means, and it's used often among those who have social media. For example, let's take Instagram (which, by the way, is expected to have 1.4 billion users). On Instagram, following someone means that you are, in a way, subscribing to their life. Social media has allowed users the ability to connect with others and be a part of others' lives that otherwise may not be able to happen due to location, schedules, etc. Following another profile allows for a further connection with that person.

QUESTIONS

Do you believe following someone on social media is the same as following that person in real life? Why do you think that?

Who is someone you follow on social media whom you would never actually follow in real life?

However, following someone on social media is a poor comparison with what it means to follow Jesus. The intimacy of relationship that Jesus calls us to can never be substituted with a simple and surface-level, online following. He calls us to so much more.

Read Matthew 7:13-23.

This chapter in the Bible is the “finale” of one of Jesus’ most famous sermons, the Sermon on the Mount. We can look back to the previous chapters to read more about what Jesus had to say about various moral questions, but in these verses, we are clued into the idea that in order to be a true disciple of Jesus, we have to walk a path that others aren’t always willing to take. Following Jesus requires more than following a profile, knowing Bible stories, or wearing a cross around our necks; it requires us to know Him.

Think of Follow the Leader. It requires one player to lead, performing various actions, and it requires one person to follow, replicating what the leader has done. It would be odd if the follower agreed to play the game but never looked at or acknowledged the leader...in fact, it’d probably just be awkward!

“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

—Matthew 4:19

Jesus tells us in Matthew 4:19 to “*follow* me.” However, He’s not looking for a simple click of a button on social media or even a halfway yes; He is looking for a change in direction. The truth is, we are always looking to and following something—whether we’re aware of it or not! If we don’t intentionally change our minds, we will unintentionally follow the direction of the world.

QUESTIONS

Do you believe that if you don’t intentionally change your mind, you will unintentionally follow the world? Why or why not?

How do you see yourself unintentionally following the world around you?

To truly follow Jesus requires us to know Him *intimately*. As we read in Matthew 7:21, not everyone who says they follow Jesus is actually a true follower! A person who intimately knows Jesus will display evidence of a changed life... and a changed direction. Following Jesus doesn’t simply mean adding more to your to-do list; it means you are agreeing to a relationship with Him that leads to obedience.

QUESTIONS

Is it possible to be a halfway follower of Jesus? How does Scripture prove this?

What does it mean to take the “narrow path” in your school, home, community, etc. (vv. 13-14)?

Describe evidence of a true follower of Jesus. (Hint: look at verses 15-20.)

Write down some ways you feel God calling you to be more like Him.

As you close out your time with God this morning, use this prayer as a guide:

God, thank You for sending your Son, Jesus, to earth as an example for me to follow. While I am not perfect, You still sent Jesus to die for my sins and allow me an opportunity to enter into a relationship with Him. Would you help me grow and make me more like Him?

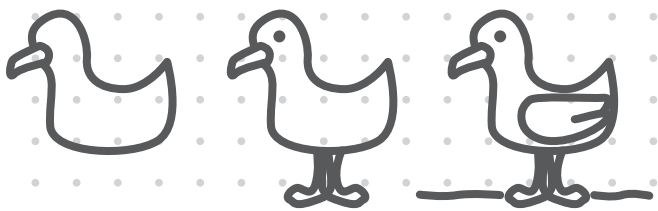
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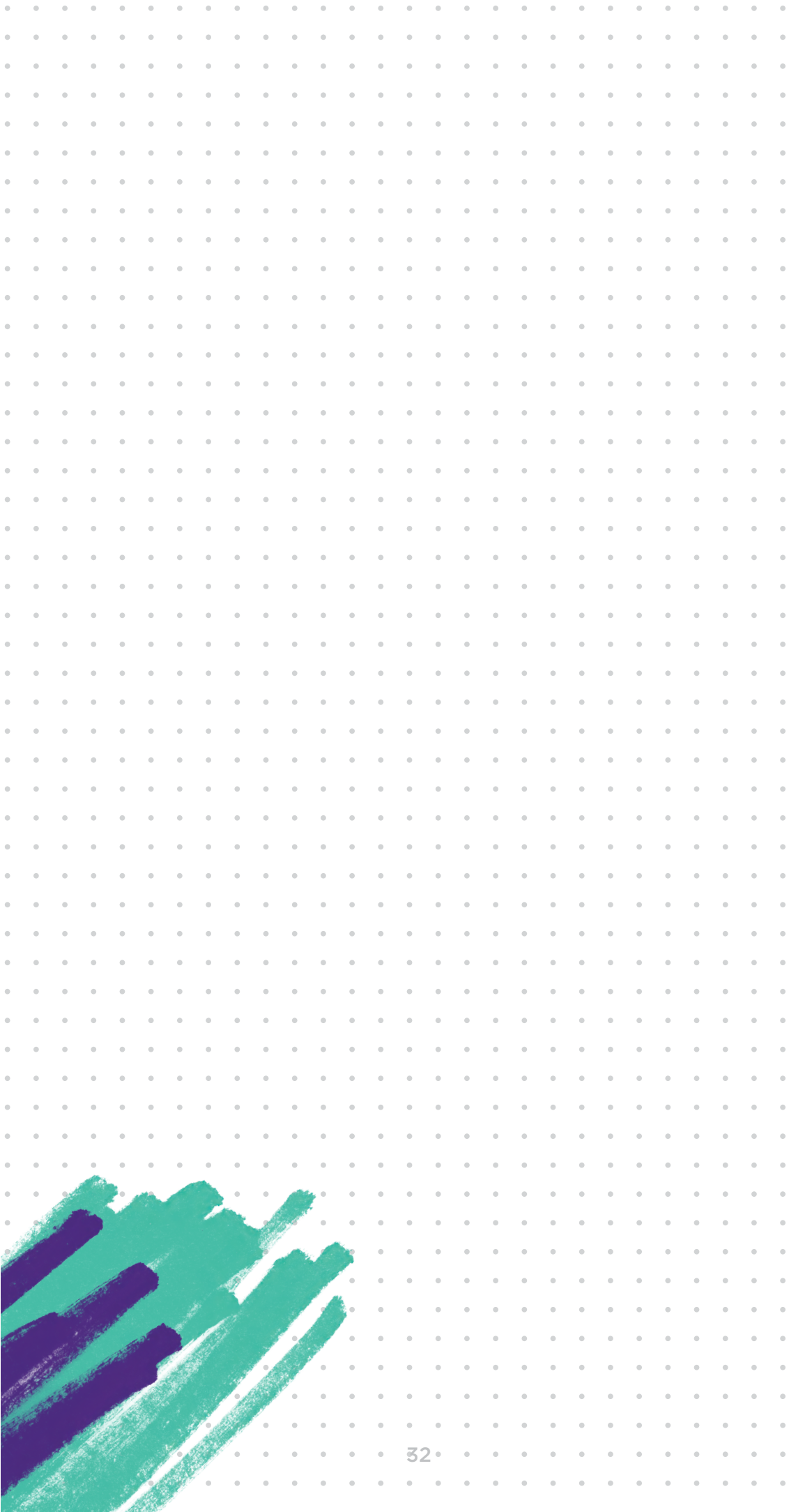
DINNER DISCUSSION

TUES

If you're finding conversation difficult at dinner, here are a couple of suggestions:

- Do you have a verse of the year or one that God is teaching you right now?
- What's one thing you want to accomplish this year and why?





WORSHIP NOTES

TUESDAY



PRESTONWOOD STUDENTS



THE
RISING



JR/SR COMMISSIONING SERVICE

PLANO CAMPUS & ESPAÑOL

SEPTEMBER 8 • 12:00 PM

NORTH CAMPUS

SEPTEMBER 11 • 10:00 AM



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SEPTEMBER 25

NORTH CAMPUS
STUDENT MINISTRY BUILDING



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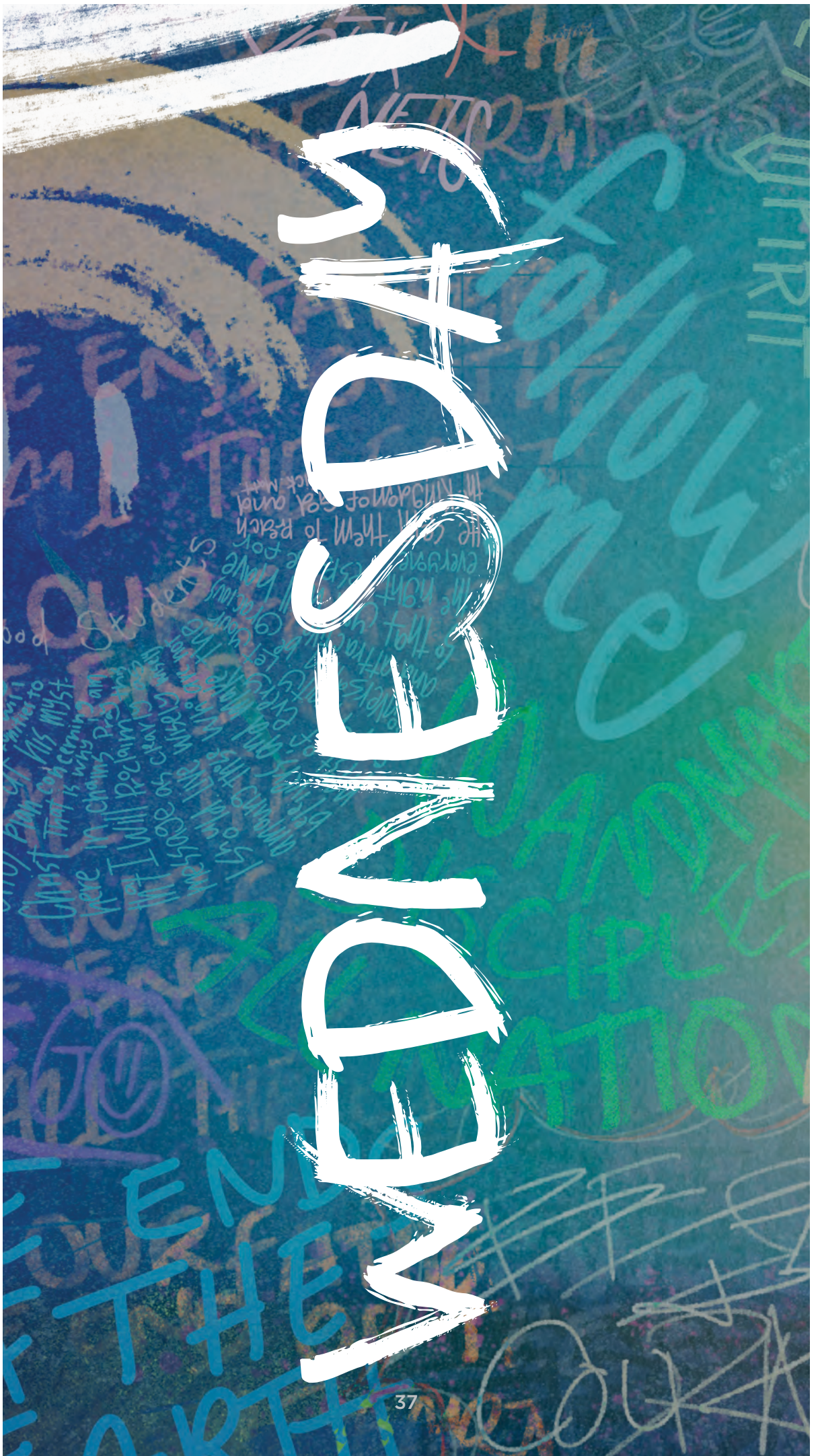


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WEDNESDAY

SILENT
SOUNDS

*“Follow me, and **I will make**
you fishers of men.”*

—MATTHEW 4:19

MAIN IDEA: The choice to follow Jesus is an invitation to be changed by Jesus.

Imagine for a moment the feeling of passing your drivers exam, getting your driver license, then walking out to the driveway of your house, and seeing the car of your dreams sitting in the driveway!

That would be the best day ever! It brings along with it a joy of ownership and freedom that marks an important milestone in your teenage years. However, having your own car isn't all happiness and joy. It also requires a lot of responsibility. You have to maintain your car by getting the oil changed, buying new tires, and being ready to deal with a car that won't start at the most inopportune time. You also have to wash it and keep the inside clean.

The point is, when we trust in Christ as our Lord and Savior, we receive the greatest gifts of all: forgiveness of sin and eternal life! But salvation is not the finish line; it's the starting line. We then enter into a relationship with Jesus where we choose to meet with Him often, and He promises to continue to renew and change our hearts into all that He desires for us. As we go through life, we must continue to

walk with Jesus because He is the author and perfecter of our faith. It is by His hand and power we are matured.

The problem is, many Christians today are not growing in their faith because they either try to address the issues in their life on their own or they neglect to meet with Jesus and refuse to be changed by Him altogether. Today in our time in Silent Sounds, we will see exactly how Jesus continues to change our heart and how we can continue to seek Him every day.

Let's go back to Mark 1 as Jesus is calling His first disciples to follow Him. Let's focus on the exact words He uses as He calls them. Jesus first gives the invitation to follow Him, as we discussed in our Silent Sounds and Family Group time yesterday, but He also makes a promise. He says, "I will make you become fishers of men." He is calling them to abandon their life of looking for fish, and He is calling them to a life searching for lost people in need of a Savior. But how does Jesus go about changing and growing us, and why does it matter? How does He make us into something?

God uses three unique methods to mold us and mature us:

- Our hearts
- Our minds
- Our habits

1. God Uses Suffering to Mature Our Hearts.

Read James 1:2-4.

One sport that deserves a lot of respect is distance running. While many sports use running as a form of conditioning (or punishment!), the purpose of distance running is just that—running! You may enjoy a nice long run, or you may be the type of person who only runs if something is chasing you. But wise advice for anyone who wants to get better at running is this, "Run more." Our faith is the same way when we experience times of suffering.

James 1:2-4 says we shouldn't despise the suffering in our life, but instead count it as joy! James gives the explanation that we should count it all joy because it will produce endurance within our faith. How does this produce endurance? Because as we are stretched beyond our own

strength, we must choose to rely on the Father's. God is our source of all hope, all joy and all strength, but we must choose to go to Him to receive it. As we consider how Jesus develops and grows us, how He "makes us fishers of men," we must understand we are always in the process of becoming something new, and how we respond to suffering dictates the direction of that change.

QUESTIONS

Do you tend to rely more on your own strength? Or God's?

What suffering are you walking through now? How might you think God is growing your faith through this?

Read Matthew 4:1-11.

Let us not forget, the moment just before Jesus called Andrew and Simon to follow Him and essentially kick-started His earthly ministry of preaching and performing miracles, Jesus suffered! Matthew 4:1-11 describes the 40 days and nights Jesus fasted in the wilderness and was tempted by Satan. Satan tempted Jesus to break His fast with bread, to doubt God's faithfulness by putting Him to the test, and finally tempted Jesus with possessions and authority (all of which Jesus already had). But Jesus' response to temptation was to turn to Scripture and trust in God instead of Satan.

The reality for us today is Satan and Jesus both desire our affection and attention. However, they "fish" for us using very different tactics. Satan fishes with hooks while Jesus fishes with nets. If you are familiar at all with fishing and hooks, fishermen will often either bait the hook with a worm or use elaborate lures that mimic smaller fish so when the fish they are attempting to catch latches on, they are hooked and reeled in. Satan will use deception when it comes to suffering in your life to tear you down, isolate you, and turn you away from God. However, Jesus casts a wide net of grace and mercy to all who trust in Him! Satan wants

to deceive you as you walk through suffering and, in the end, define you by your suffering, but Jesus wants to carry you through suffering and grow you by suffering.

2. God Uses His Word to Mature Our Minds.

Have you ever heard of the placebo effect? A placebo is anything that seems to be a “real” medical treatment – but isn’t. It could be a pill, a shot or some other type of “fake” treatment. What all placebos have in common is they do not contain an active substance meant to affect health; however, in many instances, when taken they produce effects like that of the medicine the patient would have taken. For instance, if you have a headache and take what you think is Advil, the effect may be that your headache goes away. You actually didn’t take an Advil; you took a pill made of sugar, one that has no effect on your body. Why did your headache go away? Well, it’s the power of our minds over our bodies.

We must realize our own thoughts and beliefs are a powerful thing and will determine the direction of our lives. What you believe is what you become. This is why we need to be careful to discern what the world says is true in comparison to what God’s Word says. We need to take our own thoughts captive and choose to believe God’s Word over our feelings, circumstances and cultural trends.

Read Ephesians 4:11-16.

Paul is teaching that in order for us to grow in Christ and truly become the fishers of men Jesus is calling us to be, we cannot “be like children” and be tossed back and forth by lies. God reveals Himself to us in many ways. He reveals His majesty and glory through nature. He can divinely intervene in our lives through miracles and providing for our needs. He also often reveals to us truth and wisdom through the Bible. Our job is simply to trust Him and allow God’s Word to mature our minds and determine the direction of our lives.

QUESTIONS

What are common lies you find yourself believing about yourself?

What are common lies you find yourself believing about God?

How can you continue to trust in what God’s Word says rather than the lies of the world?

3. God Calls Us to Faithfulness to Mature Our Habits.

Returning to our earlier conversation about owning a vehicle one day, one of the first lessons everyone needs to learn is not only how to operate the vehicle, but how to get around town. For years, your parents have had to know how to get from point A to point B. You haven’t had to worry about directions...until now. Although you will now drive a route you have traveled hundreds of times, many students at first rely on their GPS to go from their house to school. Over time, though, these routes will be memorized and will be effortless. So memorized and effortless that many adults will habitually drive home after work, not remembering that other plans have been made.

This is because our habits are powerful and will determine the direction of our life. The final way that Jesus, over time, makes us become fishers of men is the formation of our habits that point us to Him while simultaneously cutting habits that turn us away from Him.

Read John 15:1-11.

In John 15, Jesus is in the middle of a long conversation with His disciples during the Last Supper. It’s the final time they will all be together before Jesus is crucified. Jesus describes Himself as “the vine,” the Father as “the vinedresser,” and the disciples as “the branches.” He is teaching them that if they continue to abide in Him, then they will show fruit, or proof, of being a disciple. Many guess this fruit is the same fruit described as the “Fruit of the Spirit” in Galatians 5 (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control). *Abide* simply means “to walk in obedience to.”

Therefore, we must understand if we walk with Jesus and choose Him daily, we will bear all the characteristics of being fishers of men. Simple as that! We will not bear these characteristics unless we abide in Christ and allow Him to abide in us. This will take time, and we will always have good days and bad. But this is the promise of God, to form us and make us into that which He calls us to be.

QUESTIONS

What are some habits in your life that need to change?

What are some habits or goals you can implement to abide in Christ?

PRAYER

Spend a moment this morning in prayer. Ask God to bring to mind how you can grow closer to Him through your mind, heart and habits. Ask God to prepare you to talk about these things in Family Groups. Lastly, ask God to reveal Himself to you as you close out your time with Him on the beach.

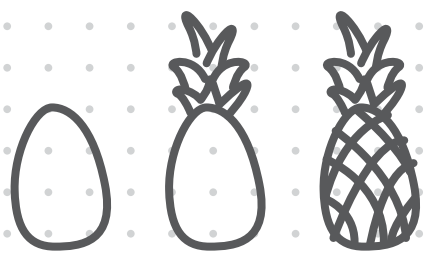
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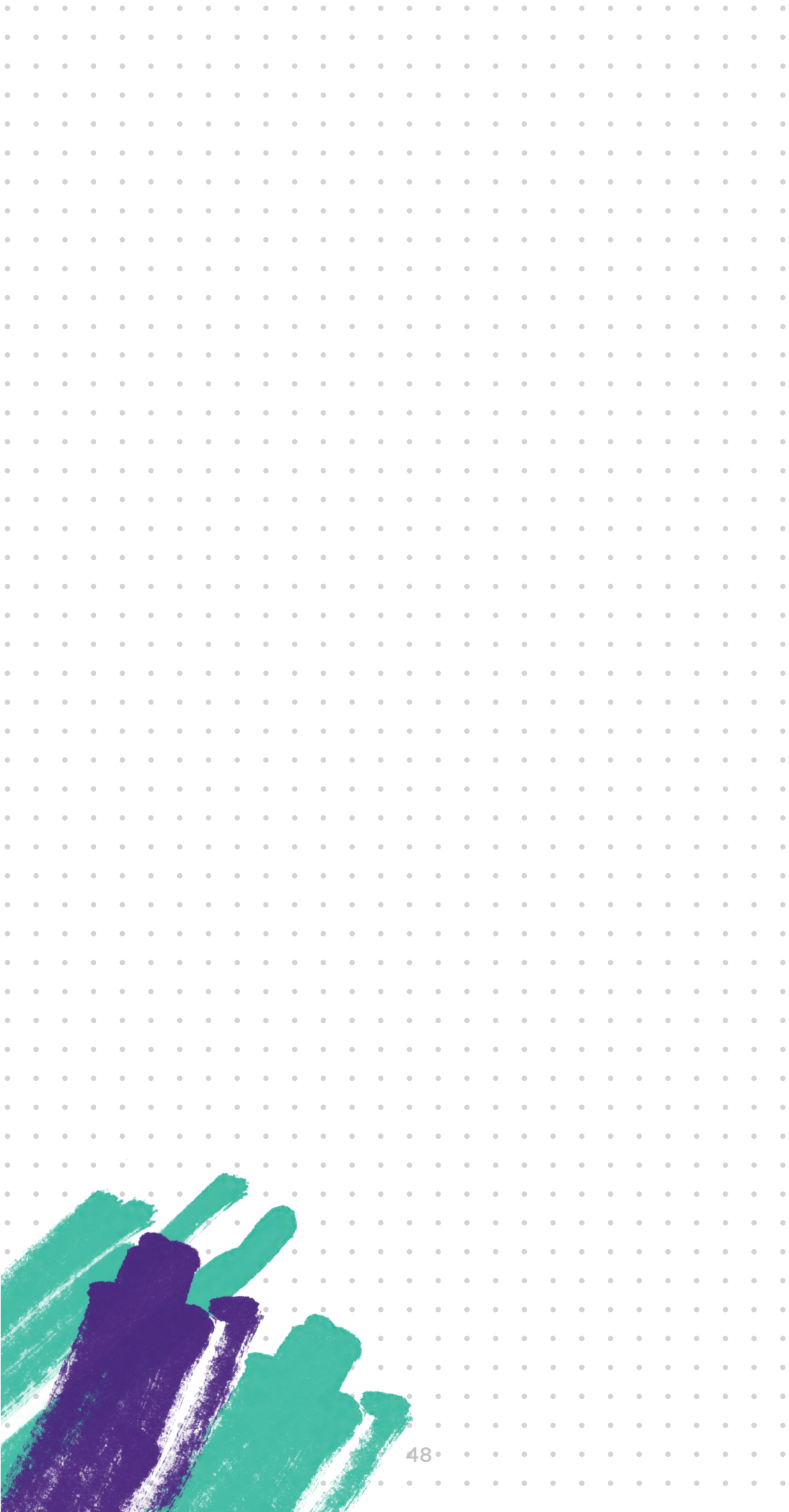
DINNER DISCUSSION

WEDS

Three questions to help with conversation:

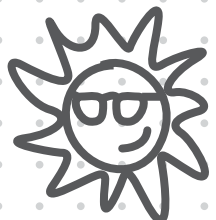
- If you could pick up a new skill in an instant, what would it be?
- Who is someone you really admire? Why?
- If you could be one person from the Bible, who would it be and why?

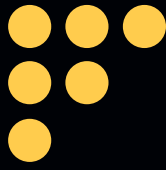




WORSHIP NOTES

WEDNESDAY





FIELDS OF FAITH

ONE DAY. ONE MESSAGE. ONE STAND.

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9

STUDENTS, GRADES 7-12

6:30 - 8:00 PM

HEBRON HIGH SCHOOL



20TH ANNUAL

FALL FOLLIES

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 12

2:00 & 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 13

3:00 & 6:00 p.m.

PLANO CAMPUS

STUDENT MINISTRY BUILDING

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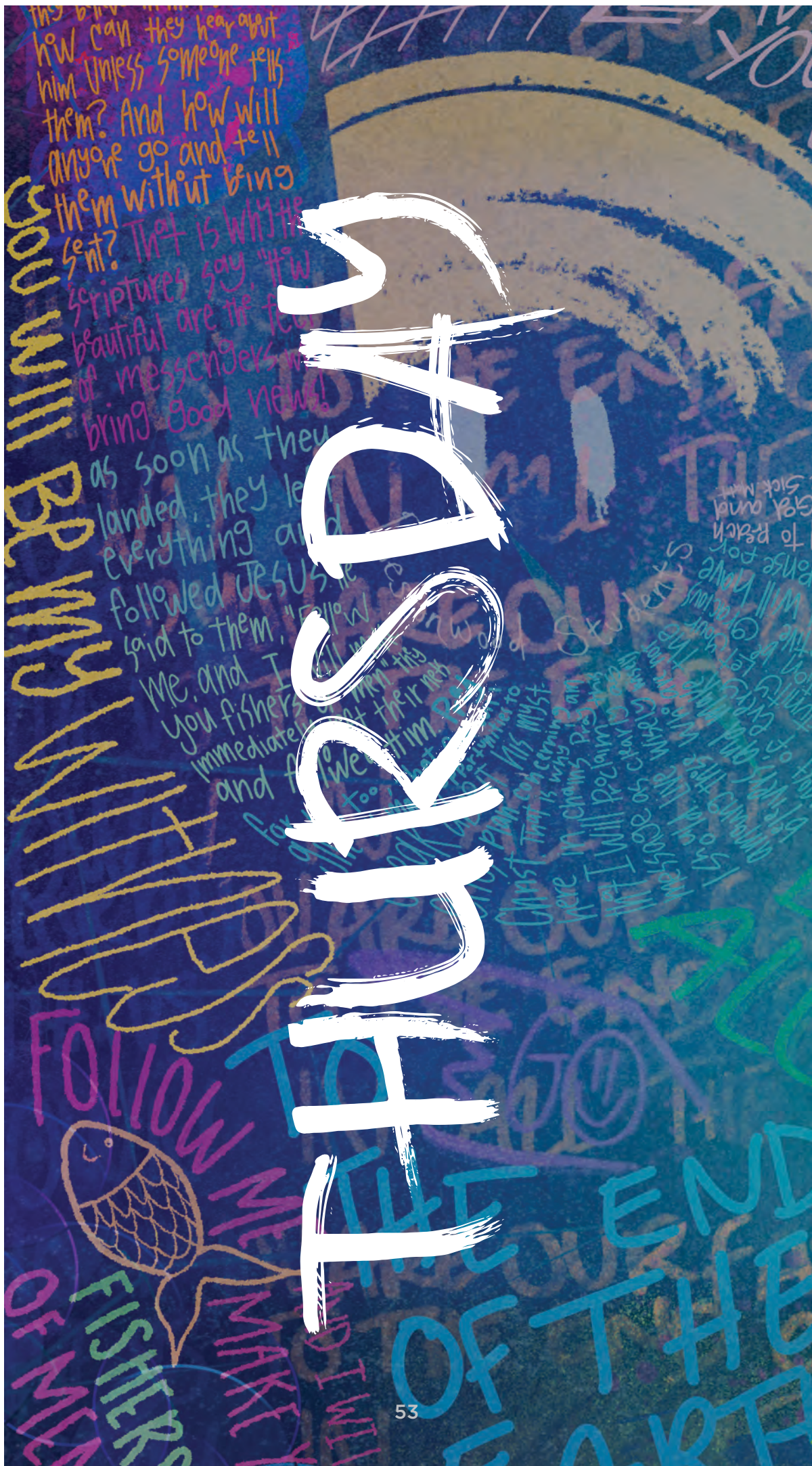




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THURSDAY SILENT SOUNDS

*“Follow me, and I will make
you **fishers** of men.”*

—MATTHEW 4:19

As you are sitting on the beach this morning, look out at the ocean. Imagine there is a big fishing boat on the horizon. As the sun comes up, the fishermen are already on the boat setting sail to bring in their catch for the day. At this point, they are working and pulling in their nets. Close your eyes and put yourself on the boat. The wooden deck creaks under your feet when you take every step. Seagulls and other birds circle overhead waiting for a moment to swoop down and grab one of the fish off the deck. They are calling to each other constantly. The smell of the fresh catch assaults your nose with each breath. You're sweating in the sun and wearing rubber boots, pants and a jacket to keep the saltwater off your skin. This job isn't designed for the faint of heart or those who are accustomed to a "richer" life.

This is exactly what Jesus was seeing when He was looking out at the boat in order to call His first disciples. Jesus saw the boat and called Peter and Andrew to drop everything they were doing and follow Him. He called them to leave their family. He called them to leave their only source of income. He called them to leave all they had ever known. He called them out of a place of comfort. But what was He calling them to? At this point, they had no idea!

Read Matthew 4:18-22.

1. Following Jesus Produces Obedience to Him.

Today, we are going to do something a little different with our time in Silent Sounds—maybe something you’ve never done before. Over the years, many have come up with different methods of studying God’s Word. Let’s look at one called the H.E.A.R. method. When you are back home, this can be a tool you use to study Scripture on your own in your everyday life! Typically, you can do this with any passage in the Bible, but today we are going to do it with just a few verses!

H.E.A.R is an acrostic. If you don’t know what that means, it’s simply a list of things where the first letter of each word, taken together in order, form a word. In our example, each of the letters in the word “hear” stands for a step in our Bible study process.

H: The first step is HIGHLIGHT. In this step, you will take time to highlight each verse that stands out to you by underlining it or actually highlighting it in your Bible. After that, write answers to the following:

- The name of the book

- The passage of Scripture

- The verse numbers that especially speak to you

- A title to describe the passage

QUESTIONS

E: Second, we will EXPLAIN. We are going to see what’s happening in this passage. By asking some simple questions, with the help of God’s Spirit, you can understand a passage or verse. Here are a few questions to get you started:

Why do you think this passage was written?

What do you think God is intending to communicate through this text?

QUESTIONS

A: Then, we will APPLY. This is where we take the text and apply it to our lives right now in 2024. Answer the following questions:

How can this passage help me?

What does this passage mean today?

What would it look like to apply this verse in my life today?

What is God saying to me through this passage?

R: Finally, RESPOND. Your response to the passage may take on many forms. You may write something you need to do. You may describe how you will change because of what God has said to you. You may respond by writing out a prayer to God.

Your response is:

ACTION

For example, "I need to be obedient to what God is calling me to do today and share Christ with someone on the beach during Free Time."

CHANGE

For example, "I need to finally and fully surrender my life to Christ for the very first time."

PRAYER

For example, “God, allow me to say yes to whatever You are calling me to do today just as the disciples said yes to You when you called them to follow You.”

2. Delayed Obedience is Disobedience.

As we just saw in Matthew 4, when Jesus called the first disciples, they responded by following Him. They did so immediately. When we follow Jesus, we are being obedient to His command. When we say yes to Him, we are doing what He asks us to do. But what happens if we don’t respond immediately?

Read Psalm 119:60.

Imagine every time your parents told you to do something or asked you to do something, you said, “I’ll think about it.” How would they react? Maybe it wouldn’t affect them the first couple of times but then, at some point, they will get annoyed and possibly give some discipline for disobedience. Maybe they would take away your keys or your phone, lock up your gaming system, or take away your privilege to hang out with friends or go on dates, etc.

What if the disciples said that to Jesus when He called? “I hear you Jesus, but let me think about it. Can I let you know in a couple of months?” Or what if they responded by ignoring, not responding to, or ghosting His text message? Does that one hurt a little bit?

In our walk with Jesus, we cannot just ignore what He is calling us or commanding us to do. And even if we say we will follow Him later, that’s disobedience. Delayed obedience is disobedience. When the Creator of the universe tells us to do something, He expects us to do it. Psalm 119:60 tells us to “hasten,” which means to “hurry.” We can’t pause. We must *do*, and that’s exactly what the fishermen did when Jesus called.

QUESTIONS

Have you had an experience when you delayed obeying God and it had consequences? What happened? What did you learn from it?

When have you obeyed God even though you didn't fully understand His command? What were the consequences?

What has God told you to do that you're delaying right now?

3. Being Obedient to the Call Jesus Has for Us Is Sharing the Gospel with Those around Us.

Read Romans 10:14-15.

Paul is writing in Greek and uses the term *euangelion* (εὐαγγέλιον) here. This translates to “good news” or “good message.” Paul points out that it goes back to the preaching and sharing of the Gospel, and people must be sent out to share this euangelion with those who have never heard it before. God could have chosen any means for the message of the Good News to be shared, but He has given us this beautiful, awesome opportunity to partner with Him. He wants to use us to bring the Gospel to those around us just as He chose to call the early disciples to do the same after Jesus went to be with God in heaven.

Jesus and God knew the disciples would take the Gospel to places He never could. It's the same with us today. He trusts us to take the saving message of the Gospel anywhere our feet will go. This could be across the street to our neighbors' house, the beach this week at Beach Camp, or across the world at a Kenyan school called Project Lucas. No matter where your feet go, you are called and commanded to take the Gospel *there!*

THURSDAY FAMILY GROUP

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MAIN IDEA: Being “fishers of men” requires
patience and the proper equipment.

SCRIPTURES

- Mark 1:16-20
- Matthew 9:35-38
- 1 Peter 3:15-16
- 2 Timothy 1:7-8

Your phone can be a great tool to make it easier. There are many apps to help you share your faith with those around you. Check out this list below. Scan each QR code to download the app or go to the website. This will take time on your part to become familiar with them. You will need to study. Again, these are just aids to help you share Jesus with all those around you.



MySharePal
app



Life On Mission
app



Li6W (Life in
6 Words) app



How to draw the
3 Circles Video

Don't have a phone? No big deal. Here are some ways you can share the Gospel without a device.

ROMANS ROAD

1. ***...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. —Romans 3:23***

With this verse we can establish that every human is a sinner from the beginning of creation when Adam and Eve first disobeyed God's instruction (Genesis 3). Because of that first sin, we all suffer from a desire to do wrong every day.

2. ***For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. —Romans 6:23***

Because of that first sin, humanity should face separation from God, which means an eternity spent in hell. God, being perfect in nature or sinless, cannot exist with something that is imperfect or sinful. But because God loved us so much, He chose to fix the brokenness humans created. He sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to die on the Cross and pay the price in order that humanity might be forgiven.

3. ***...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. —Romans 5:8***

God sent Jesus to die for us while we were still sinners. He loved us so much, even in our sinfulness, that He wanted to do something to save us.

4. ***If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. —Romans 10:9-10***

In order to be forgiven though, we must surrender our life to God and acknowledge who Jesus was and is. We must ask Him and believe in Him so that we might be forgiven. This is a vital part of the process.

5. ***For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." —Romans 10:13***

There isn't a person Jesus didn't die for. No matter how bad you think your sins are, God still sent Jesus to die for you. You must confess Him as Lord and Savior of your life and begin walking/following Him.

TESTIMONY

A testimony is simply the story of how you came to believe and trust in Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior. If you have never done the exercise below, spend some time and do it. We all need to know how to share our testimony in three minutes or less!

First, use the below space to write what your life was like *before* you became a Christian.

Questions to think about: *How did you view sin? Did you even care about what you did in life? What were you focused on, and what took the majority of your time? Where did you get your identity from?*

Second, use the below space to write *how* you became a Christian. Tell the story of the moment you chose to surrender to Jesus.

Lastly, use the below space to write what your life is like *after* you became a Christian.

Questions to think about: *How has your life changed since before you loved Jesus? What is your focus? How do you view sin now? How do you see yourself now?*

End this section by always asking, “Do you have a story similar to this?”

- If the answer is yes, have students share their story.
- If the answer is no, ask students if they would like to have a story of their own, and invite them to pray to accept Christ right there.

Now you can put all three parts together and practice sharing it. The more you practice sharing out loud, the more comfortable you become with sharing it. The beautiful thing about this method is that no one can argue with your story and your experience. They are simply listening to you share your life with them.

JOHN 3:16

“For God so loved the world...”

God loves us not for who we are – in spite of who we are. He loves us even in our sin and shame. He loves us when we mess up and when we deserve discipline. Honestly, we deserve His anger and wrath, but we get His love. When other people turn their backs on us, God turns to face us.

“...that He gave His only begotten Son...”

God chose not to leave us in our sin. Because of His love for us, He chose to send Jesus, His perfect Son, to live and breathe as a human. Due to our sin, we should be eternally separated from God, but God sent Jesus to pay the ultimate price to forgive us from our sins. On a cross 2,000 years ago, Jesus was the substitute for all the wrong that we would do. In that moment, He conquered sin and death and brought life to us again.

“...that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

Notice that it’s not about going to church, being baptized, helping the poor, living a good life, but it is about *believing* in Jesus and *surrendering* your life to Him. It’s not about what you do but it’s about trusting in the only One who could ever bring forgiveness from sin. We can know a lot about the Bible and about God, but that will never give us entry into heaven. It’s all about trusting Jesus’ sacrifice for us.

The last piece of equipment is the ability to start these conversations. Here are some steps to help you begin talking to someone, hopefully leading you to share your faith with them.

PRAY

Every great opportunity to share your faith begins with prayer. When you wake up in the morning or before you go to bed at night, ask God to give you the chance to share your faith with someone. Countless times in Scripture, we are told that if we ask, God will answer.

LOOK

We must be looking for the opportunity or the person the Lord is bringing to us to share with. If we aren't, we can completely miss it. That means we must slow down and pay attention as we go throughout our day. It also means we must know when God is leading us to say something.

TALK

Think about how you would begin a conversation with a friend. You would normally just start talking about something. You might ask a question; you might refer to something that's going on in your friend-circle or your school; or you might make a joke. It's no different in starting to talk about your faith. Look for something you have in common with the person. Is he drinking a drink? Use that as your conversation starter. Is she reading a book? Ask her what it's about. Is he eating food? Ask him where he got it because it looks really good. Many times, we overcomplicate this when it's really simple.

Couple of notes here:

- **Be courageous:** This takes courage! It's not easy, and it can be terrifying but the more you do it, the better you get at it.
- **Take friends:** It's always easier with a group of people because you can bounce off each other when you are talking. You can also hype each other up when you feel like you can't do it.
- **Keep it simple:** Don't use big words and don't take 45 minutes to share your faith. Keep it simple and short. That's why it's so important to practice.

ASK: What are some struggles or fears you have when it comes to sharing the Gospel?

BRING IT TO AN END

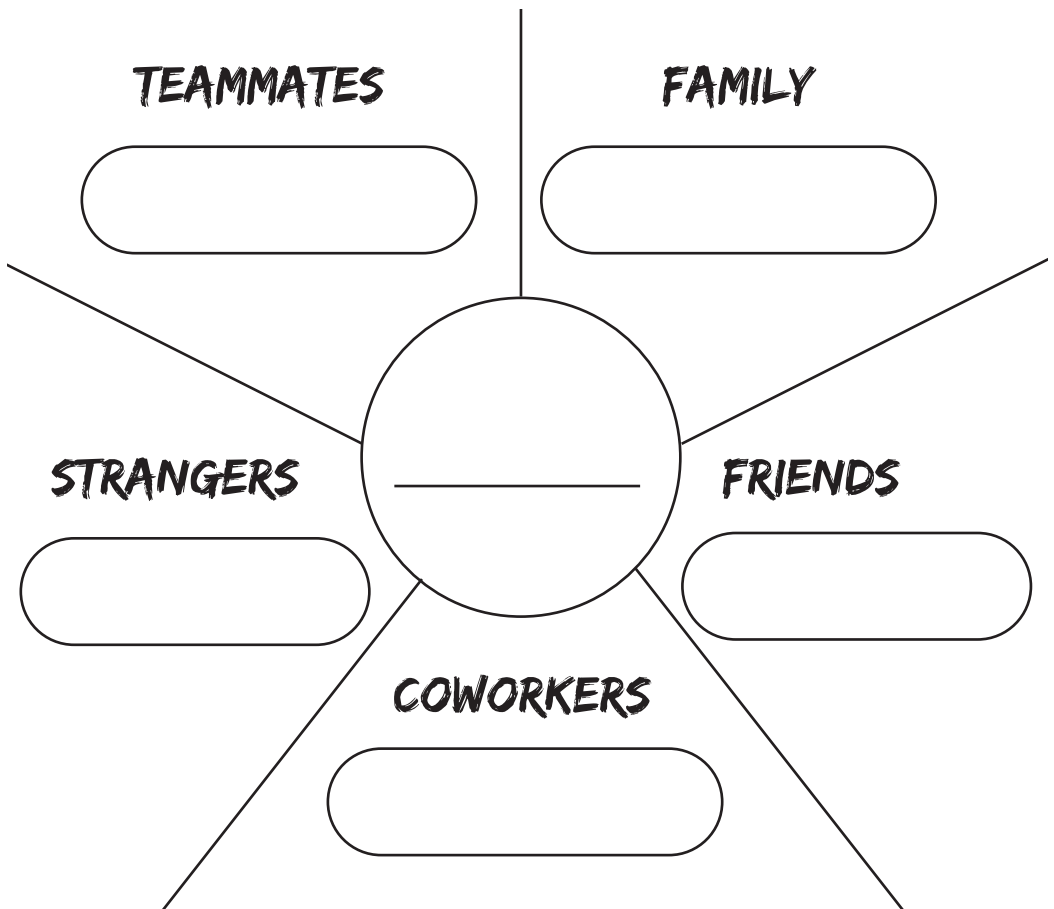
So, now that we have patience and we have the proper equipment, the next question is, "With whom do you need to share the Gospel?"

An easy exercise to accomplish this is making what's called an *oikos* map. *Oikos* is a Greek word that does not mean "yogurt." It actually means "house." It's the basic societal unit for the culture of that time. In other words, and more simply put, it's those you care about.

This map allows you to visually put down on paper whom you want to share Jesus with. It will help you do three things:

- **Identify** people in your life who are far from God (family, friends, coworkers, teammates, neighbors, etc.).
- **Understand** the potential multiplication impact they could have on others.
- **Pray** intentionally for these people and for opportunities to share with them.

Take time as you finish your Family Group to fill out your personal oikos map below.



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RUN TO THE FATHER

Life is hard. That's just a fact. Regardless of race, gender, age, socio-economic background, or religious upbringing, you will go through seasons of excruciating (intense) hardship.

Maybe you really messed up and you're experiencing some self-inflicted wounds for your actions, or you're truly a victim and are going through something unfair. Either way, tough times are coming, even if you follow Jesus. God doesn't promise an easy life, but He did provide the way. As Cody Carnes so beautifully illustrates in the lyrics of "Run to the Father", when life becomes too heavy to handle alone, we can run to a God who loves us and desires nothing more than to be close to us. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells a story about a boy who leaves home and blows his inheritance on a "good time." Once he hits rock bottom, he decides to go home to his father and beg for forgiveness.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and RAN and embraced him and kissed him." —Luke 15:20

"Run to the Father" gives us the beautiful reminder that because Jesus first loved us and ran to the Cross to save us from our sin and death, we can run to Him again and again to accept His free gift of grace.

RECAP

Take some time to go back through your Silent Sounds, Family Groups and Night Worship. Write one thing that you took away from each time. Use this page in the future as a reminder of all that God taught you this week!

MONDAY DEVOTIONAL

MONDAY WORSHIP

TUESDAY SILENT SOUNDS

TUESDAY FAMILY GROUPS

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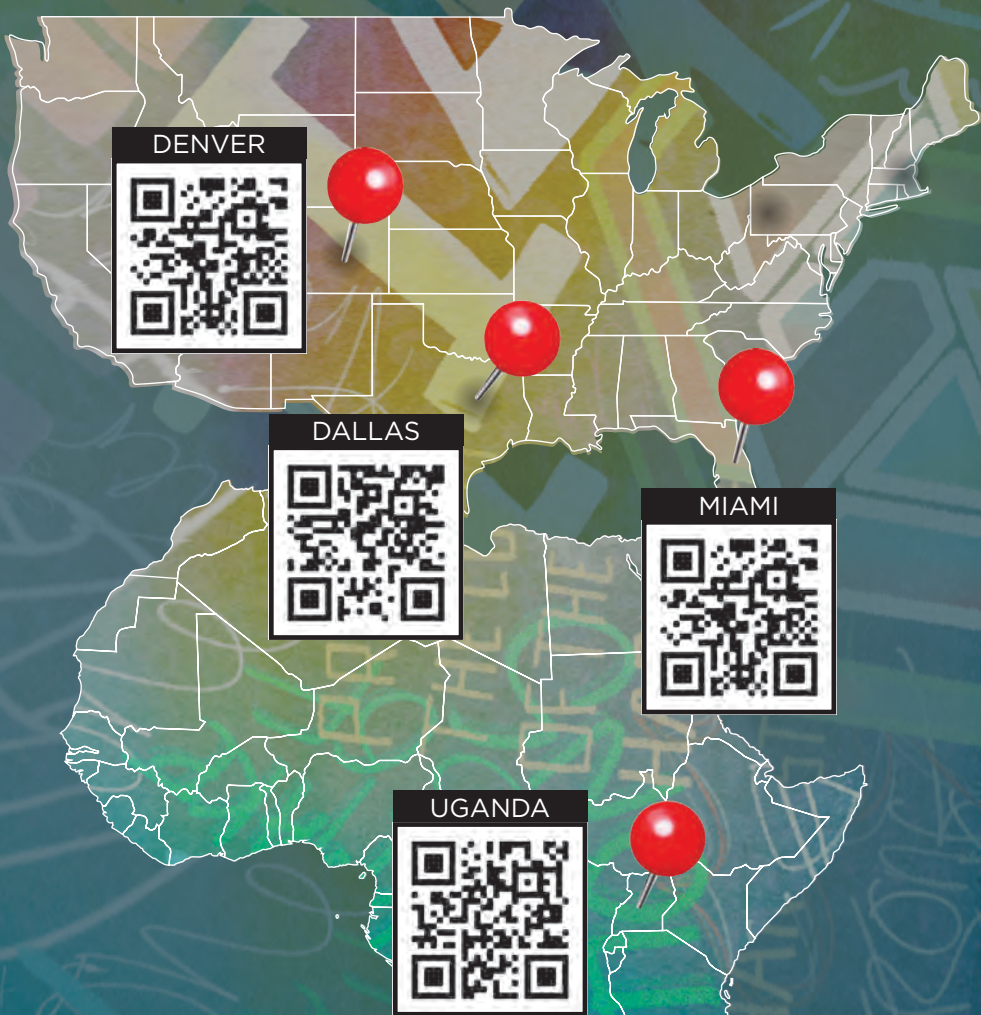
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how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!" as soon as they landed they left everywhere an evangelist followed. JESUS then said to his disciples, "I am sending you immediately to all the world. Go and make disciples of all nations in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Who does not believe will be condemned. Amen."

CONTINUED STUDY OF GOD'S WORD

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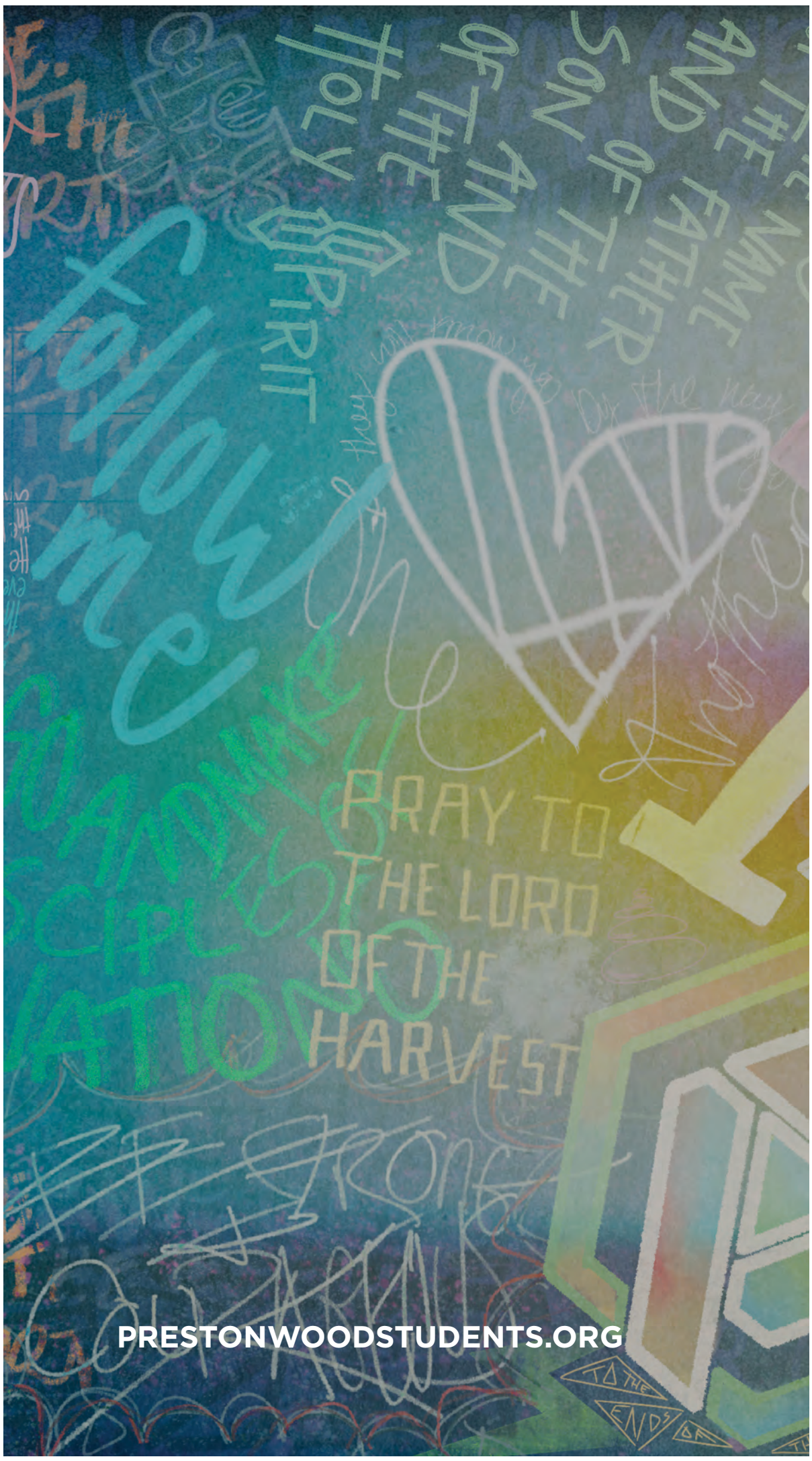
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