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STUDENTS,

Welcome to Beach Camp! The sun, the sand, the waves – this week is going to be unforgettable! But more than just an amazing time, we believe this will be a **life-changing** experience where God moves in ways you never expected.

Whether you are here to explore what it means to have a relationship with Jesus or to grow deeper in your faith, **this is your moment.** Open your heart, lean in, and expect God to show up in powerful ways.

When the Word of God comes alive in your heart, everything changes. It stirs a passion to honor Him, to live for Him, and to share the **hope of Jesus** with the world. As you stand on the white sands of Fort Walton Beach, look around. People from all over the world have come here – many searching for something more, just like in our own communities. **Could it be that God wants to use you to bring His light to others?**

Jesus said in John 4:35, “**Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.**” The mission field isn’t just across the world – it’s right where you are. And I truly believe **your generation** will be the one to spark the greatest movement of evangelism in our time.

Get ready. Open your heart. Expect the unexpected. God is going to do incredible things this week – and He wants to use *you* to be a part of it!

'Til the whole world hears,



Dale Johnson

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

FORT WALTON BEACH CONVENTION CENTER (WORSHIP)

1250 Miracle Strip Pkwy., SE,
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

*We will be shuttling students to/from the convention center 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? **SCHEDULE**

MONDAY (6/9)

- 4:30 AM** . . Load Buses @ Plano and Prosper
- 5:00 AM** . . Buses Depart
- 7:00 PM** . . Buses Arrive @ Resorts
- 8:15 PM** . . Load Buses: Resorts > Convention Center
- 8:45 PM** . . Worship
- 10:30 PM** . . Load Buses: Convention Center > Resorts
- 11:30 PM** . . Lights Out

TUESDAY (6/10)

- 8:00 AM** . . . Silent Sounds
- 8:45 AM** . . . Breakfast
- 10:00 AM** . . Small Groups
- 11:15 AM** . . Load Buses: Resorts > Rec
- 11:45 AM** . . Rec
- 12:15 PM** . . Load Buses: Rec > Resorts
- 12:45 PM** . . Lunch
- 1:30 PM** . . . Free Time
- 5:00 PM** . . . Cleanup
- 6:30 PM** . . . Buses: Resorts > Convention Center
- 7:00 PM** . . . Worship
- 9:00 PM** . . . Buses: Convention Center > Resorts
- 9:30 PM** . . Curfew/Condo Time
- 11:00 PM** . . Lights Out

WEDNESDAY (6/11)

- 8:00 AM** . . . Silent Sounds
- 8:45 AM** . . . Breakfast
- 10:00 AM** . . Small Groups
- 11:15 AM** . . Load Buses: Resorts > Rec
- 11:45 AM** . . Rec

12:15 PM . . . Load Buses: Rec > Resorts
12:45 PM . . . Lunch
1:30 PM . . . Free Time
5:00 PM . . . Cleanup
6:30 PM . . . Buses: Resorts > Convention Center
7:00 PM . . . Worship
9:00 PM . . . Buses: Convention Center > Resorts
9:30 PM . . . Curfew/Condo Time
11:00 PM . . . Lights Out

THURSDAY (6/12)

8:00 AM . . . Silent Sounds
8:45 AM . . . Breakfast
10:00 AM . . . Small Groups
11:15 AM . . . Load Buses: Resorts > Rec
11:45 AM . . . Rec
12:15 PM . . . Load Buses: Rec > Resorts
12:45 PM . . . Lunch
1:30 PM . . . Free Time
4:00 PM . . . Cleanup
5:00 PM . . . Dinner in Condos
5:30 PM . . . Load Buses: ESP ONLY
Island Echos > Waterscape
5:45 PM . . . Head to Beaches
6:00 PM . . . Group Picture
6:15 PM . . . Baptism @ Summer Place/
Waterscape Beach
7:15 PM . . . Acoustic Worship
7:35 PM . . . Load Buses: ESP ONLY
Waterscape > Island Echos
8:15 PM . . . Curfew/Condo Time
10:30 PM . . . Lights Out

FRIDAY (6/13)

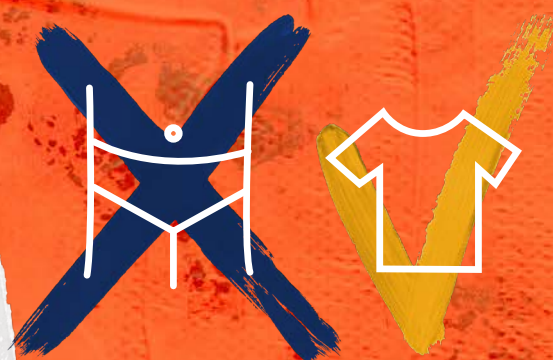
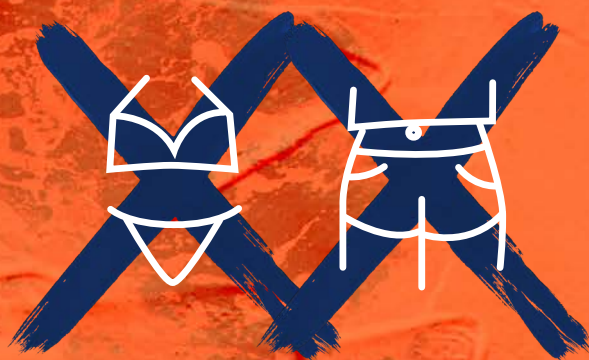
5:30 AM . . . Load buses @ Condos
6:00 AM . . . Leave for Plano and Prosper
8:00 PM . . . Buses arrive in Plano and Prosper

BEACH CAMP 2025 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, we will 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.

**NO
FOOD**



DELIVERIES



LIFEGROUPS

PLANO CAMPUS

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AND 11:00 AM

NORTH CAMPUS

SUNDAYS @ 10:00 AM

PRESTONWOOD EN ESPAÑOL

SUNDAYS @ 12:45 PM

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MONDAY

WORSHIP NOTES



WORSHIP SERVICES



PLANO CAMPUS

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AND 11:00 AM

NORTH CAMPUS

SUNDAYS @ 8:30, 10:00, AND 11:30 AM

PRESTONWOOD EN ESPAÑOL

SATURDAYS, NORTH CAMPUS @ 5:00 PM

SUNDAYS, PLANO CAMPUS @ 2:00 PM



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TUESDAY



WELCOME TO SILENT SOUNDS

Life moves fast. We know it. The noise of school, sports, social media, and responsibilities can drown out the voice of God. But here at Beach Camp, **you have a chance to pause, breathe, and truly listen.**

Silent Sounds is your time to step away from distractions and meet with God – just you, the sound of the waves, and His presence. Imagine starting each morning **with your feet in the sand, your Bible in hand, and the limitless ocean reminding you of God's endless love.** His plans for you are bigger than you can imagine, and He is ready to speak if you take the time to listen.

Be real with Him. Read His Word, underline what stands out, journal your thoughts, and pray as if He's sitting right next to you – because **He is.** Begin each morning by asking Him to reveal Himself to you and get ready for these moments to become **one of your favorite parts of Beach Camp.**

We are believing God will move in incredible ways this week. **We're praying for you – enjoy every moment!**

TUESDAY

SILENT SOUNDS

SCRIPTURE

1 Chronicles 29:10-13; Isaiah 55:8-9

IMAGINE BEING INVITED INTO THE PRESENCE OF SOMEONE SO POWERFUL, SO AWE-INSPIRING, THAT YOU COULD HARDLY FATHOM HIS OR HER GREATNESS.

You know that even the most eloquent words – the most beautiful descriptions – would fall short of genuinely capturing who they are. And yet, despite that, this person decides to reveal himself or herself to you. He or she doesn't just leave you in awe from a distance, but choose to share his or her heart with you. You are given access to his or her deep, unsearchable wisdom. This is a glimpse into our relationship with God.

There is a God, and He is much more than we can imagine. He is beyond our comprehension. His glory, His majesty, His holiness – they are infinite, and yet, He makes Himself known to us. This truth should fill us with both awe and immense gratitude. As we dive into this morning of Silent Sounds, we will explore how God reveals Himself to us by His grace.

GOD IS SO MUCH MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE

To start, let's take a moment to consider the greatness of God. It's easy for us to think we know everything there is to know about God. After all, if you've grown up in the church or around Christians, you've heard the Bible, you've possibly sung the songs, and you might know the Christian "lingo." But the reality is that God is so much more than we can ever understand. His nature is far more profound and far richer than we can fathom.

In 1 Chronicles 29:10-13, King David stands before the congregation of Israel, preparing to build the temple. He speaks about God's greatness and majesty, acknowledging that everything in the heavens and on earth belongs to Him. David declares:

"Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In

your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.”
—1 Chronicles 29:11-13

ACTIVITY

In your Bible, do the following steps:

- Draw a line under the one to whom David is directing his praise.
- Draw a circle around every word David uses to describe God.
- Draw a box around every sentence or phrase where David mentions God’s authority.

In the space provided, describe David’s posture or attitude toward God.

David is overwhelmed by God’s greatness. His words reflect a profound reverence, but even these words fall short of describing the fullness of who God is. God’s greatness cannot be contained by human language or understanding. He is the Creator of the universe – He created the stars, the oceans, the mountains, and even the very breath in our lungs. He is the One who holds everything together by the power of His will.

Consider this: God spoke everything into existence (Genesis 1-2). He didn’t need anyone’s help, nor did He rely on anything outside of Himself. The universe itself reflects His immense power and wisdom. We realize how small we are when we try to wrap our minds around God’s greatness. No matter how many books we read or how much theology we study, we will never fully grasp the depths of His nature.

But the reality is that God is not just some far-off, distant god who is too great for us to understand. Yes, He is more than we can imagine, but He is not unreachable. And this is where God’s grace comes into play.

GOD’S GRACE MAKES HIM KNOWABLE

Isaiah 55:8-9 reminds us of the vast difference between our thoughts and God’s thoughts:

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” —Isaiah 55:8-9

QUESTIONS

1. What part of the Bible passages stood out to you the most? Was it something about God’s power, glory or grace? Maybe it was the idea that God’s ways are higher than ours. Write down your thoughts.

2. What does it mean that God is much greater than you can fully understand? Does it feel overwhelming, comforting or awe-inspiring? Why? Consider how you feel when you think about how big and mighty God is.

3. How does it make you feel that God, who is so vast and powerful, wants to make Himself known to you? Does this surprise you? Do you find it comforting to know you can have a personal relationship with someone as great as God? Write down your feelings.

God is infinitely higher than we are. His thoughts, His ways, and His understanding are beyond us. When we think we’ve reached the limits of knowledge, we’re just beginning to scratch the surface of



His eternal wisdom.

Yet, despite this infinite gap between us and God, He makes Himself known to us. God's grace allows us access to His wisdom, character and even His heart. While we can never fully understand God's infinite nature, He invites us into a relationship with Him. He doesn't leave us in the dark, trying to figure it all out alone. Through His Word, His Spirit and the life of Jesus Christ, He reveals Himself to us.

In English clergyman George Swinnock's book *The Blessed and Boundless God*, we're reminded of this truth: "God is both infinite and intimate. He is so much more than we could ever imagine, yet He chooses to reveal Himself to us in ways that we can begin to understand. The glory of God is not meant to keep us at arm's length but to draw us into a deeper relationship with Him. We can know Him because He has made Himself knowable."

A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

So, how can we, as Prestonwood Students, experience this relationship with God? How can we tap into this knowledge of a God who is much greater than us?

1. THROUGH HIS WORD

God has given us the Bible not just as a book of rules but as a revelation of His heart. As we read the Scriptures, we discover more about who God is. We see His justice, mercy, holiness, love and so much more. The Bible contains everything we need to know to have a relationship with God. As you dive into God's Word, ask Him to open your eyes and heart to understand what He's saying.

Suggested resource to begin reading God's Word: *Foundations Devotional*



2. THROUGH PRAYER

Prayer is not just a way to ask for things; it's an invitation to communicate with the Creator of the universe, just as you would a best friend. When we pray, we acknowledge God is both near and far. He is the God who spoke the universe into existence, yet He listens to our every word. Prayer allows us to align our hearts with His, express our gratitude, and seek His will.

Suggested resource to begin praying:
Pray.com app



3. THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

The ultimate way God has made Himself known to us is through Jesus. Jesus is God in the flesh, coming to reveal the Father to us. Jesus shows us God's love, mercy, holiness and grace. He is the perfect example of how we are to live, and He makes it possible for us to be

reconciled to God through His death and Resurrection. If you want to know God, look to Jesus.

Suggested resource to begin praying:
3 Circles Video



God is so much more than we can ever comprehend. His greatness, power and holiness are beyond our understanding. But out of His grace, He makes Himself knowable to us. He invites us into a relationship with Him, one where we can learn from Him, experience His love, and grow in our knowledge of Who He is.

As you continue your journey with God (whatever this looks like at this point in your life), remember this: You will never fully know Him, but that’s OK. God is infinite, and we are finite. God has made Himself known to you in His mercy and grace. He has revealed Himself through His Word, Son and Spirit. And because of this, you can know Him and walk with Him.

In David’s words, let us give thanks to the God of glory, the God who is beyond understanding but who makes Himself known to His children. Let’s praise His glorious name, for He is worthy of all our worship.

What’s one truth from this devotional that you want to hold onto and apply to your life?

PRAYER

God, we thank You for being so much more than we can imagine. You are glorious, majestic and holy, yet You make Yourself known to us through Your grace. Help us to grow in our understanding of You and to embrace the relationship You offer us. Open our hearts to Your Word and teach us to walk in Your ways. We praise Your glorious name and are in awe of who You are. In Jesus’ name, Amen.



TUESDAY
FAMILY GROUP

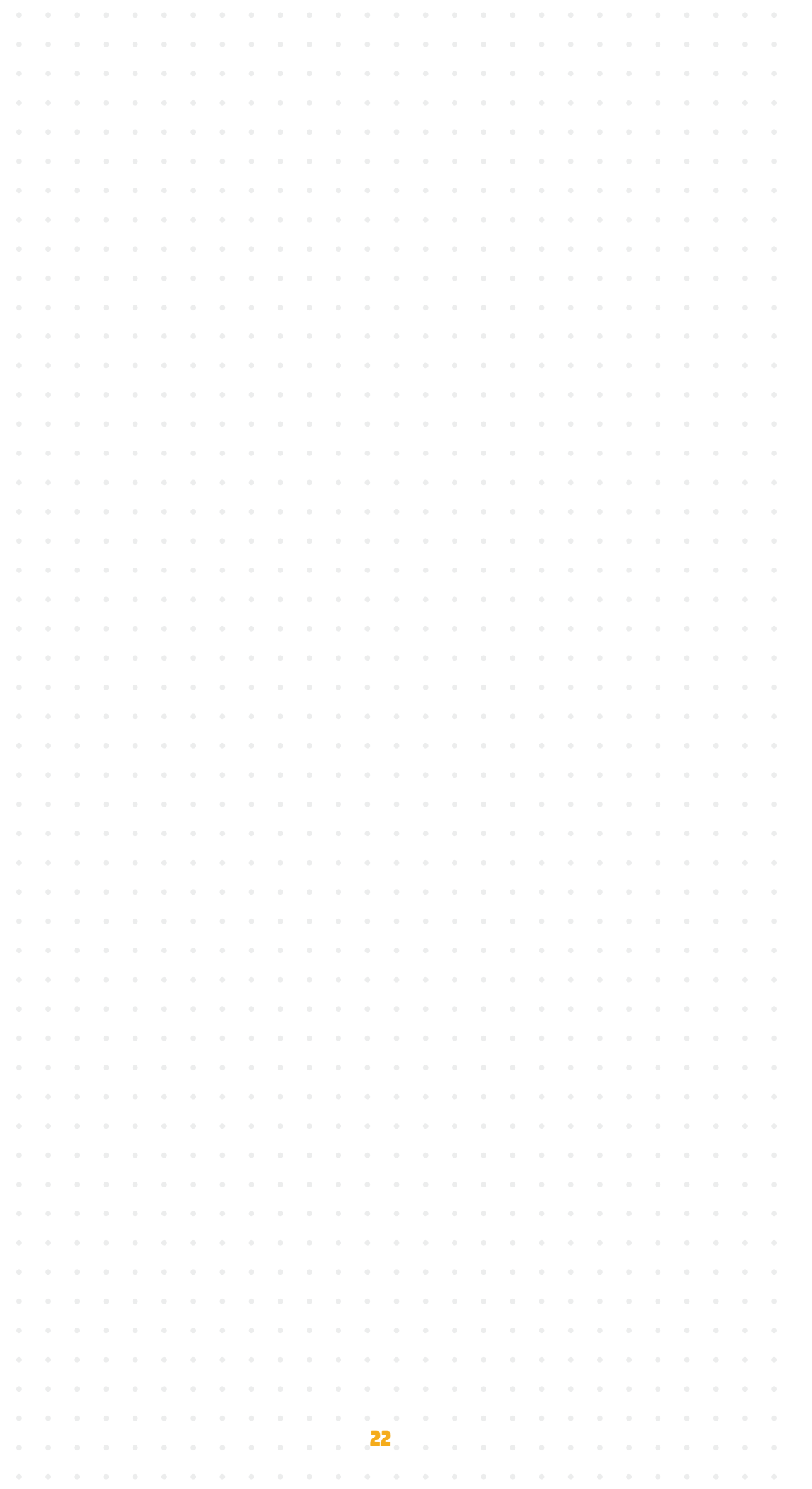
BIG PICTURE

This session will help you see how God has an eternal value and divine purpose for each of us.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

- Psalm 104:31
- Genesis 1:27, 31
- Proverbs 9:10
- Ephesians 2:10

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TUESDAY WORSHIP NOTES



WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY

SILENT SOUNDS

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:5-11; 2 Corinthians 5:21;
Ephesians 2:4-5

HAVE YOU EVER TRIED TO WRAP YOUR MIND AROUND SOMETHING SO INCREDIBLE THAT IT ALMOST SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND?

Maybe it was the breathtaking sunrise this morning, the vast space last night, or the ocean's depth right in front of you. Some things are just beyond what we can fully grasp. But nothing compares to the sheer magnitude of God's love for us.

God's love is so much more than we expect, more than we can comprehend, and far more than we deserve. It's deeper, wider, and more powerful than anything in the universe. And the most mind-blowing part? That love was displayed in the most unexpected, radical way – through God's perfect Son, Jesus Christ.

JESUS: FULLY GOD, FULLY MAN

Philippians 2:5-11 gives us a glimpse into just how incredible Jesus' love is.

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. —Philippians 2:5-8

Think about what this means. Jesus wasn't just some great teacher or a wise leader. He was – and is – fully God, the same God who created the universe, spoke light into existence, formed the mountains and set the stars in place, and chose to step down from heaven to walk among us.

How does knowing that Jesus fully understands what it means to be human make His love feel more personal to you?

He didn't come in power or wealth. He didn't demand to be treated like a king, even though He had every right to. Instead, He came as a servant. He experienced hunger, exhaustion, temptation and pain. He laughed with His friends, wept over loss, and felt the weight of betrayal. Jesus fully embraced what it meant to be human – all because of His love for us.

What does Philippians 2:5–8 teach us about Jesus’ humility and love? How does that challenge the way you live?

Want to know where these are in Scripture? Take a moment later today to look up these passages:

JESUS EXHIBITED HUMAN ATTRIBUTES.

- He was tempted in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1–11).
- He got tired (John 4:5–6).
- He was thirsty (John 19:28).
- He was hungry (Matthew 4:2).
- He died on the Cross (Luke 23:46).

JESUS HAD EMOTIONS.

- He “marveled” (Matthew 8:10).
- He wept (John 11:35).

HOWEVER, JESUS WAS SINLESS.

- Satan couldn't get Him to sin in all his temptations (Luke 4:13).
- No one convicted Him of sinning (John 8:46).
- He did all that His Father wanted (John 8:29, 15:10).
- Others spoke of His being sinless:
 - Paul (2 Corinthians 5:21)
 - Hebrews (Hebrews 4:15, 7:26)
 - Peter (1 Peter 2:22)
 - John (1 John 2:1)

JESUS WAS GOD.

- Omnipotence (fancy word for how He is all-powerful)
 - He stilled the storm at the sea (Matthew 8:26–27).
 - He multiplied the fishes and the loaves (Matthew 14:19).
 - He changed water into wine (John 2:1–11).



- Omniscience (fancy word for how He is all-knowing)
 - He knew people's thoughts (Mark 2:8).
 - He knew belief and unbelief in people's hearts (John 2:25, 16:30).
- Omnipresence (fancy word for how He is present everywhere, all the time)
 - Matthew 18:20, 28:20
- Sovereignty (fancy word for how He has supreme authority and dominion over all creation)
 - Forgive sins (Mark 2:5-7)
 - He claimed the authority of God (Matthew 5:22, 28, 32, 34, 39, 44).

THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

But Jesus didn't just come to experience life on earth. He had a mission – a mission of love and redemption.

2 Corinthians 5:21 says, "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life. Yet, He willingly took on the punishment that we deserved. The weight of every lie, every selfish action, every sinful thought – we should have been the ones to pay the price. But Jesus took it all upon Himself. He suffered, bled, and died in our place. Why? Because His love for us is so great that He was willing to endure the unimaginable so that we could have new, abundant life (John 10:10).

This is the extravagant love of God. A love that doesn't hold back. A love that gives everything. A love that sacrifices.

ALIVE IN CHRIST

There's more to the story, though. It doesn't end with Jesus' death. If it did, then we'd still be lost in our sins. But God's love is a love that brings life.

Ephesians 2:4-5 reminds us: "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved."

Jesus didn't stay in the grave. Three days later, He rose from the dead, conquering sin and death once and for all. And because of His Resurrection, we can experience new life. A life that isn't bound by guilt or shame. A life that isn't defined by our mistakes. A life that is secure in the hands of a loving Savior for all of eternity.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

So, what does all of this mean for you? It means that Jesus' love isn't just a story from the past – it's a reality for you today.

1. **You Are Fully Loved** – You can do nothing to make God love you more or less. His love for you is complete, constant and unchanging.
2. **You Are Forgiveness** – Because of Jesus, your sins don't define you. When you accept His sacrifice, you are washed clean and made new.
3. **You Are Called to Love Like Jesus** – Philippians 2:5 tells us to have the same mindset as Christ. That means we are called to serve, love, and put others before ourselves.
4. **You Have a Purpose** – Jesus didn't just save you from sin; He saved you for a purpose. You are part of His story, meant to shine His love to the world.

CONCLUSION

God's love is more significant than we can imagine. It's overwhelming, unexpected and completely undeserved. Yet, it's offered freely to each of us. Jesus, fully God and fully man, humbled Himself to the point of death on the Cross so that we could experience new life with Him through His Resurrection.

Take a moment to reflect on that. Let it sink in. The God of the universe loves you personally, deeply and unconditionally. Have you ever surrendered your life to that love? If not, will you receive that love today? If so, how have you let that love change you today? Finally, who will you, in turn, share/show that love to today?

WRAPPING UP

What is your response? Work through this activity to consider where you stand with Jesus.

⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. – Philippians 2:9-11

HOW HAVE YOU RESPONDED TO JESUS?

- ☐ I have never responded to Jesus, but I'm open to it.
- ☐ I am ready to respond in faith to Jesus for the first time.
- ☐ I need to re-focus on how I respond to Jesus.
- ☐ I'm not perfect, but I'm intentional about my response to Jesus.

What's one truth from this devotional that you want to hold onto and apply to your life?

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PRAY

Spend time this morning thanking God for His love. That is **so much more** than we could ever expect. Admit that you are undeserving of so much love, but then thank Him for still showing and giving us His love. Ask God to open your eyes today to see how you can love those around you, whether they are strangers by the pool, families on the beach, other students at Beach Camp, your condo leader, etc.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY GROUP

BIG PICTURE

This session will help you understand what is true about you and how they became true.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

- Ephesians 2:1-10
- Romans 5:9
- John 3:36

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WEDNESDAY WORSHIP NOTES



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THURSDAY

THURSDAY

SILENT SOUNDS

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 1:1-9

DO YOU REMEMBER THE FIRST THING YOU WANTED TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

What type of car did you want to drive when you were older? Did you want to live in an apartment, a mansion, or a tiny home? Maybe you even wondered what it would be like to be a student in Prestonwood Students?!

The future is an interesting topic. It can bring a sense of excitement, or it can bring fear or anxiousness. It might even make you feel numb because it seems like an island far away and doesn't relate to you right now. Look out at the ocean in front of you. Can you envision the future, or are you lost in the waves?

If life is going great, the future might not seem pressing. After all, "Life is good! It doesn't matter if I consider the future!" If life seems to be dragging you through the mud, the future might be something "I just can't wait for."

You can rest right here, even as you sit in the sand: God has a plan for you (and He has had a plan far before you picked your first dream job, car or home). Have you considered that how you view the future indicates how large, powerful and sovereign God is over your life?

Have you left Him out of the conversation? Let's intentionally invite Him in this morning.

Turn to Joshua 1. Before you read, pray these prompts:

1. God, would You give me wisdom, knowledge, and understanding for the words I'm about to read?
2. Would You teach me something new about You that I've never learned before?
3. God, would You correct anything I misread and guide me as I study?

READ

Joshua 1:1-9

Let's look at verse 7: "Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or the left, that you may be successful wherever you go."

Be strong and courageous! Easier said than done, right? While some

have described Joshua as a “hero of the faith,” he was still human. As human beings, it’s not always easy to be strong and courageous. For some, it’s spiders or snakes; for some, it’s heights or darkness.

QUESTION

What are some situations where it’s hard for you to be strong and courageous?

This was certainly the case for Joshua. Coming off Moses’s heels, Joshua had big shoes to fill. Moses had led God’s people, the Israelites, out of Egyptian slavery, through the wilderness, through plagues and famine and drought. Joshua even got to see Moses speak with God! Now, it was Joshua’s turn. No pressure, right? Here he was, tasked with leading the Israelites to their final destination, the Promised Land, and he was being told to “be strong and courageous.”

Did you know we’re called to be strong and courageous as Christians? This may be an easy concept for you, or it may sound great in theory, but you have no idea how to actually live it out. Regarding the second option, have you ever considered that Joshua might have felt the same way?

However, God doesn’t leave us hanging. This would be a really sad story if God called us to something but never equipped us with the tools to get there. Look again at verse 5: “No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses so that I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Before Joshua enters an unknown place, encounters an unfamiliar circumstance, and is commanded to be strong and courageous, God reminds him of the truth that He (God) is with him.

We cannot be strong and courageous enough to face the future without the Lord. It’s like going into battle without armor or a weapon. Ascribing power to the Lord and surrendering our future to Him does two things:

- 1. It aligns our focus back to what matters – Him.
- 2. It restores power back to its rightful place – Him.

Grit and ambition will never be enough. If we rely on ourselves, we’ll ultimately come up short. We’ll be left cowering and crushed. God loves you enough to call you up, but it wouldn’t be loving unless He



gave you the tools to get there. An easy example of this would be to think of it like a bridge. It's the tool to help you get to the other side! Sound familiar?

Isaiah 41:10 says, “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

ACTIVITY

- Circle every time you see the pronoun “I” in the verse above.
- Now, underline every time you see the pronoun “you.”

This is personal. God desires to walk with you.

What’s one truth from this devotional that you want to hold onto and apply to your life?

QUESTIONS

Think of the Gospel. How does God give us the tools to be holy/strong/courageous?



In what areas of life is it easy for you to be strong?

In what areas of life is it easy for you to be weak?

Why do you think we aren't always able to see the big picture?

How can you surrender your future plans to God?

PRAY

Pray to God and thank Him for how *big* and *powerful* He is. Adore Him for equipping us to be strong and courageous every single day. Pray and ask Him for opportunities to live out your faith and be strong and courageous today, just like Joshua.



FAMILY GROUP

This session will help you recognize your tremendous potential if you will just own it.

- Ephesians 4:17-24
- Galatians 5:22-23

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RECAP

Take time to go back through your Silent Sounds, Family Groups and Night Worship and write down 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!

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FRIDAY DEVOTIONAL

WHO DO YOU NEED TO SHARE THIS WITH?