

Review of Teen Bible Fellowship Sunday 9/16

Middle School:

Big Idea: God is worthy of our worship because of who he is and what he's done. Worship is more than singing, it's everything we do.

Scripture passages: Romans 12:1; 1 Chronicles 16:23, 29, 30; Hebrews 12:28; Psalm 99:5; Psalm 100

Family Discussion Questions:

- Read Romans 12:1. How will you offer your body as a living sacrifice to God?
- What did you learn about worship in TBF on Sunday?
- Who or what is receiving your time and attention now that should not be? How will you give God your undivided attention?

High School:

Big Idea: *This lesson deals with one of the ways we “shrink the cross;” which is just a way of saying that something is lacking in our understanding, appreciation, or application of Jesus's sacrifice for our sin. This happens in two main ways: pretending and performing. This week is about pretending, and lesson three is about performing. Both pretending and performing keep us from living a God-centered life. Pretending minimizes sin by making ourselves out to be something we are not. Gospel growth comes as we learn to confess our sin instead of try to cover it up.*

Scripture passages: Mark 2:13-17; Genesis 2:25, 3:8-13, 21; Colossians 3:3

Family discussion questions:

- Jesus said he did not come to call the righteous but sinners. What did he mean by “righteous”? What did he mean by “sinners”?
- What are some of the ways you pretend that you are righteous, in order to try and hide the real you?
- What does it mean that “you are better than you think you are”? Is that true? Why or why not? *Guidance: The implications of God making men and women in his image (Genesis 1:27) and that Jesus died to save sinful image-bearers (John 3:16) is that we as human beings have value and worth in the eyes of our Creator, no matter what are social, ethnic, mental, physical, (etc.) status is.*
- What does it mean that “you are not as good as you think you are”? Is this true? Why or why not? *Guidance: Roman 3:23; Isaiah 64:6; Matthew 5:17-30*
- How do we stop pretending to be better than we are? *Guidance: Admit how much we need God. We often pretend that the solution to cover our sin is something other than God. Instead of hiding from God and trying to cover our shame ourselves, like Adam and Eve did, we need to hide ourselves in Christ (Colossians 3:3). His sacrifice (foreshadowed in Genesis 3:21) takes away our shame and makes us right before God so that we may enjoy relationship with God and others. We need to confess ALL of our sin to God and know that there is forgiveness and reconciliation waiting when we do (1 John 1:9).*

Preview of Youth Group this Wednesday (9/19):

Middle School:

Big Idea: Before we can be a fisher of men, we have to know our part.

Scripture passages: Acts 8:26-40

High School:

Big Idea: Lust is selfish. Love is selfless.

Scripture passages: 1 John 4:7-8; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7; Ephesians 4:18-20

Some questions to talk with your student heading into the night:

- What is love? What is lust? How are the two the same and how are they different?
- Do you think love is more of a feeling, an action, or a choice?
- Do you think you can fall in and out of love?
- When you think of someone who is struggling with lust, what comes to mind?